

Minnesota Environmental Quality Board

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- [Minnesota Environmental Quality Board \(EQB\)](#)
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Authority

Minnesota Statutes:

- [116C \(Environmental Quality Board\)](#)
- [116D \(Environmental Policy\)](#)

Agency's Roles

The primary role of the EQB is in overall environmental review coordination, process development, and administration for state Environmental Assessments (EA) and Environmental Impact Statements (EIS). In cases where an EA or EIS is required under both state and federal regulations, Mn/DOT meets the requirements of both agencies with a single combined document and a combined environmental review process.

The EQB publishes the [EQB Monitor](#), a biweekly publication in which Mn/DOT gives formal notice of public environmental meetings, availability of environmental reports, and environmental decisions, in compliance with Minnesota environmental review procedures.

Additional publications are required for federal and local notices. The EQB also maintains mailing lists for distribution of environmental reports to public entities.

The EQB may play a role in designating the Responsible Governmental Unit (RGU) to conduct an environmental review, but normally Mn/DOT is the RGU for Mn/DOT lead projects. Mn/DOT, city, or county may be the RGU on cooperative state/local projects, depending on the scope of the project, funding, and other considerations. The EQB does not have any role in determining the outcome of an environmental review, except for certain types of projects where EQB is the RGU (such as power line or pipeline siting). The EQB has no jurisdiction to hear appeals regarding the outcome of an environmental review.

Agency's Areas of Concern

Additional HPDP documentation to be considered:

- Flow Chart: Class I Actions (Environmental Impact Statement)
- Flow Chart: Class III Actions (Environmental Assessment)
- Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)
- Environmental Assessment
- Findings of Fact and Conclusions, Finding of No Significant Impact, and Negative Declaration
- Scoping Document
- Scoping Decision Document
- Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Final Environmental Impact Statement
- Record of Decision
- Adequacy Determination

Agreements

Mn/DOT Office of Environmental Services and District offices confer and coordinate publication of notices in the EQB Monitor. Mn/DOT District offices are responsible for distributing EA/EAW and EIS documents.

Procedures / Requirements

The combined state/federal process for EA/EAW and EIS documents typically is followed, except in certain cases where a state-only or federal-only document is used. The EQB is not involved in Project Memorandums.