

## Memo

**Date:** March 27, 2025

**To:** ETAC

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### RE: EQB Updates March 2025

**Upcoming education opportunities for Environmental Review practitioners, including energy transition communities' staff:**

Environmental Review 101

10 a.m. to 11 a.m., Thursday, April 17, 2025

[Virtual, by registration \(available soon\)](#)

This webinar is ideal for new environmental review practitioners in local government, or anyone seeking a refresher on Minnesota's Environmental Policy Act. Learn about when environmental review is required and the general process for completing Environmental Assessment Worksheets (EAW), Environmental Impact Statements (EIS), and Alternative Urban Areawide Reviews (AUAR). Meet EQB staff, ask questions, and join us in building a community of practice in Minnesota.

#### **Public Engagement Opportunity: Groundwater Policy Report**

EQB is currently leading an interagency working group to develop Minnesota's 2025 Groundwater Policy Report, a required legislative report on the state's groundwater protection programs, due in September 2025. Our goal is for the report to support informed decision making on groundwater issues by:

- Providing foundational information about groundwater in Minnesota
- Describing the state's collaborative approach to protecting groundwater
- Describing important threats to Minnesota's groundwater and the actions being taken to mitigate those threats
- Identifying important gaps and opportunities to be addressed

Find the Draft 2025 Water Policy Report Outline and share your feedback on our [Engagement HQ page](#) now through March 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Upcoming Meetings.** The [Environmental Quality Board meets monthly](#) to discuss, learn about environmental efforts and issues in Minnesota, and make informed decisions. Members of the public are encouraged to attend and provide comments. All meetings are held on the third Wednesday of the month from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Hybrid meetings will be held at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Rd, St. Paul. **Upcoming dates:** **April 16, May 21, June 18, August 20.**