



Minnesota
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Agency

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MPCA Mission

*Working with
Minnesotans to
protect, conserve and
improve our
environment and
enhance our quality
of life.*

MPCA Biennial Budget FY2010-2011

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In his FY2010-2011 biennial budget recommendations, the Governor proposed \$355.9 million in funding for the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

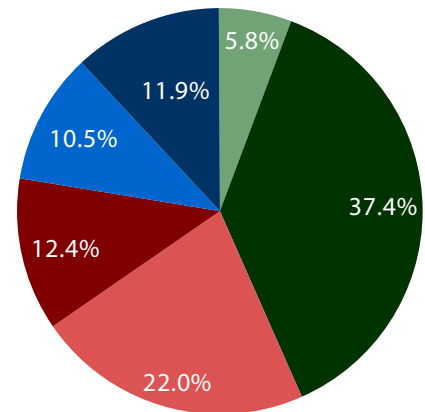
The recommended budget includes appropriations from the General Fund, Environmental Fund, Remediation Fund and new Clean Water Fund as well as federal funds. This includes a ten percent base reduction in requested appropriations from the General Fund.

The budget is organized into five budget programs: water, air, land, environmental assistance and cross-media (EACM) and administrative support. The water, air and land programs represent environmental media. EACM includes activities that cross and integrate the three environmental media by providing environmental assistance and pollution prevention support and education. Administrative support enables the delivery of program activities by other agency programs.

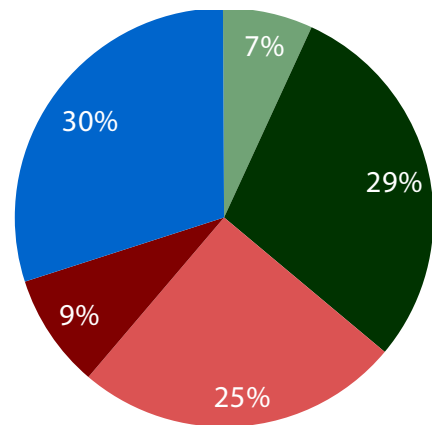
To fulfill its mission, the MPCA has adopted the following key principles:

1. Focus on priorities and manage for environmental results
2. Actively partner to leverage knowledge, ideas and resources
3. Rely on data for decision-making
4. Integrate environmental, economic and social sciences when developing environmental policy
5. Strive for excellence and innovation in service delivery

FY10-11 Recommended Budget: \$355.9M



General Fund \$20.7M
Environmental Fund \$133M
Remediation Fund \$78.7M
Federal Funds \$44.0M
Clean Water Fund \$37.2M
Other \$42.3M



Air \$25.8M
Land \$103.7M
EACM* \$88.4M
Admin \$32.5M
Water \$105.5M

The Governor's recommended budget for FY2010-2011 supports the MPCA's highest priorities. The MPCA will continue to build the foundation established during the last three years in assessing the waters of the state and developing TMDL reports to meet federal and state clean water objectives. In addition, the MPCA will advance strategies to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and maintain Minnesota's air quality. The MPCA must maintain its core regulatory programs to ensure that air, water and waste standards, regulations and priorities are met. A few of the MPCA's key budgetary changes and priorities are outlined below.

Environmental Fund Resource Redirection

The Governor recommends net increased appropriations to the MPCA of \$4.5 million in each year of the biennium from the Environmental Fund. The MPCA will redirect \$900,000 annually within the fund to support high priority programs and initiatives. The MPCA requests the following changes relating to the \$5.4 million appropriation.

- Continue appropriation of \$3.0 million each year for regulatory services provided to biofuels/ethanol, mining and other expanding economic sectors.
- Invest approximately \$700,000 each year to develop and implement a new air emissions database – a critical need as the U.S. EPA shifts this responsibility to the state level.
- Appropriate \$750,000 each year to implement recommendations of the Climate Change Advisory Group, respond to federal action and court challenges on climate change, and for additional diesel retrofits.
- Direct \$450,000 each year to continue joint powers agreements (JPAs) with local governments as partners in conducting construction stormwater inspections and providing technical assistance.
- Increase funding to county SCORE grants by \$500,000 each year of the biennium.

General Fund Reduction

The Governor recommends a General Fund appropriation reduction of \$1.15 million in each year of the biennium. Specific reductions include:

- \$950,000 from the water program including an \$850,000 reduction in funds for Clean Water Partnership grants and a shifted focus to water protection projects. The remaining \$100,000 reduction will come from water program operations.
- \$100,000 from Environmental Assistance and Cross-Media operations
- \$100,000 from Administrative Support operations

Air Emissions Fees

The Governor recommends a \$167,000 increase in FY2010 and \$427,000 in FY2011 in the appropriation to the Air Program from the Environmental Fund. The increase enables the MPCA to maintain the level of service provided by the Air Program to industrial and municipal emission sources given the increased costs of staffing and other related program support expenses.

E-Waste Statutory Appropriation

The Governor recommends that from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011, money deposited to the electronic waste account in the Environmental Fund continue to be appropriated annually to the MPCA.

SSTS License Fees

The Governor recommends an increase in Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS) license fees and a \$270,000 increase in Environmental Fund appropriations to the Water Program each year of the biennium.

Clean Water Funding

The Governor recommends appropriations of \$12.913 million in FY2010 and \$24.325 million in FY2011 from the newly-created Clean Water Fund. The appropriations will help the MPCA meet the requirements of the state Clean Water Legacy Act and federal Clean Water Act. Funding will be used to assess the quality of lakes, rivers, streams, wetlands and groundwater resources, complete research on alternatives and support regulatory work needed to implement restoration activities. Specific allocations from the Clean Water Fund include:

- \$3.725 million in FY2010 and \$7.45 million in FY2011 for assessment and monitoring, including \$375,000 over the biennium for endocrine disruptor monitoring and analysis
- \$7.688 million in FY2010 and \$15.375 in FY2011 for water quality study development
- \$750,000 in FY2010 and \$1.5 million in FY2011 for ground water assessment (drinking water protection)
- \$750,000 in FY2010 to leverage available federal grant money (~ \$3 million additional) for a large scale clean up of contaminated sediments in the lower St. Louis River and Duluth harbor

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