Facts about How to Suggest a Change to Minnesota Air Rules

The MPCA wants to improve its rules to meet Minnesota's clean air goals. If you have a suggestion for changing an existing air quality rule or for developing a new rule, we want to hear about it.

We are interested in rule suggestions that will:

• Produce beneficial environmental outcomes;
• Make meeting rule requirements easier;
• Clarify confusing rule language;
• Correct errors; or
• Eliminate or revise outdated rules.

At this time, we are looking only for changes to state rules, not federal rules. The state air-quality rules are found in Chapters 7001 through 7030.

Our goal is to respond to your suggestion within two weeks. We will let you know the process your suggestion will go through. We also may need to ask you to clarify your suggestions. Not all suggestions will result in a rule change, but we’ll consider them all. We hope this process will promote a continuing dialogue on rules and a cooperative effort to improve them.

Patience is required: The rulemaking process, by statute, must go through many steps to ensure public participation. Once we begin developing a rule, it can take anywhere from one to three years or more to complete, depending on its complexity.

If you have questions or need more information, contact the Permit Technical Advisor at (651)282-5844 or (800)646-6247.

Please answer the questions following the format on the back of this page to suggest a change to an existing air quality rule. Note: submit changes only for Chapters 7001 through 7030.

Please send your suggestions to
Air Quality Permit Technical Advisor
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St. Paul, MN  55155

or fax them to (651) 297-7709.
RULE RECOMMENDATIONS

Change to an Existing Rule

1. Citation of rule to be changed (for ex. MN Rules 7007.0150)

2. Why does this rule need to be changed? (be as specific as possible)

3. If you can, suggest language to improve the rule. If not, in your opinion what is the basic idea or intent the rule should convey? If you have difficulty with this question, leave it blank. We want your ideas and don’t want this to stop you from commenting.

4. Would you be willing to participate in an advisory committee if necessary? ________________

Suggestion for a New Rule

1. Describe the new rule you are suggesting.

2. Why is this rule needed?