

Enhance Minnesota's air pollution monitoring



Mobile air monitoring trailer will address gaps in coverage.

Challenge

The MPCA's current air quality monitoring network is designed to broadly understand the concentration of air pollution in the Twin Cities. Monitors, stationed at fixed locations, have difficulty identifying pollution from specific facilities. Installing fixed monitors requires many steps and can take weeks, which delays the MPCA's response to community air quality concerns.

Why it's important

As the MPCA reevaluates its compliance and enforcement strategy, it is important for the agency to be able to respond nimbly and rapidly. A mobile air monitor would provide flexibility and allow the MPCA to rapidly respond to potential air quality violations at specific locations. Timely data collection to confirm violations will support meaningful enforcement action and will better protect Minnesotans' health and well-being.

Proposal

\$1,025,000

Environmental Fund – FY 2025

\$535,000

Environmental Fund – FY 2026 onward

Governor Walz recommends an appropriation of \$1,025,000 from the Environmental Fund in FY 2025 and \$535,000 in each subsequent year to purchase and staff a mobile air monitoring trailer.



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