



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

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Mr. Larry Kuseske, President
Sauk River Watershed District
524 Fourth Street South
Sauk Centre, MN 56378

Dear Mr. Kuseske:

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has reviewed your previously submitted Osakis Lake *Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) Implementation Plan*. Osakis Lake is located in the Upper Mississippi River Basin. We find the water quality improvement activities described in the plan to be reasonable and consistent with the Osakis Lake TMDL study. The Osakis lake TMDL was approved by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on June 5, 2013. As such, we hereby approve the recently completed implementation plan.

One of the most challenging aspects of installing Best Management Practices (BMPs) is getting support and commitment of local landowners and other stakeholders. Education and financial support often are needed to initiate and maintain a long term commitment to BMP implementation and function. The implementation plan will promote further and better understanding of appropriate land management according to the progress in research, inventory work, and monitoring. Thus, implementation of BMPs in the Osakis Lake watershed will be an adaptive process. Addendums and revisions to the plan will be anticipated and necessary.

We appreciate your continued partnership in addressing surface water issues in the Unnamed Creek watersheds.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Reed Larson", written over a white background.

Reed Larson, Manager
North Watershed Section
Watershed Division

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cc: Jeff Hrubes, Board of Water and Soil Resources
Celine Lyman, MPCA