

SENATE  
STATE OF MINNESOTA  
SPECIAL SESSION S.F. No. 5  
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187.30 Sec. 144. RULEMAKING; SSTS; EXISTING CAMPGROUNDS AND  
187.31 RESORTS.

188.1 (a) The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency shall adopt rules, using the  
188.2 expedited rulemaking process in Minnesota Statutes, section 14.389, to eliminate the need  
188.3 for existing campgrounds and resorts that are open for 180 days or less per year to estimate  
188.4 wastewater flow rates to subsurface sewage treatment systems as required by Minnesota  
188.5 Rules, part 7081.0040, subpart 1, item B. The rules shall establish flow monitoring and  
188.6 recording for subsurface sewage treatment systems at existing campgrounds and resorts  
188.7 that are open for 180 days or less per year as provided in paragraphs (b) to (f).

188.8 (b) The rules shall provide that existing campgrounds and resorts are allowed to use  
188.9 the following flow measurement methods:

188.10 (1) sewage lift station pump with runtime meter and counter;

188.11 (2) sewage flow meter;

188.12 (3) flow meters on wells; and

188.13 (4) water softener system with flow measurement when the measurement includes

188.14 all flow to the subsurface soil treatment system, including backwash.

188.15 (c) The measured flow rate must include the total of all treatment systems that are

188.16 located on the resort or campground. If fewer than 25 percent of the systems are not

188.17 measured, an average of the metered systems can be used to determine the flow from

188.18 the unmetered systems.

188.19 (d) A daily flow rate and daily campground occupancy rate must be recorded for a

188.20 minimum of two weeks, centered on and including July 4. Weekly monitoring must also

188.21 be done for an additional continuous two weeks prior and two weeks following July 4.

188.22 (e) If no flow data exists, the existing campground or resort owner or operator shall

188.23 implement an acceptable flow measurement plan and start measuring and recording flow

188.24 data within 120 days of notification.

188.25 (f) Flow measurement devices must be calibrated before start-up of monitoring and

188.26 another calibration during the test to verify results.

188.27 EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.