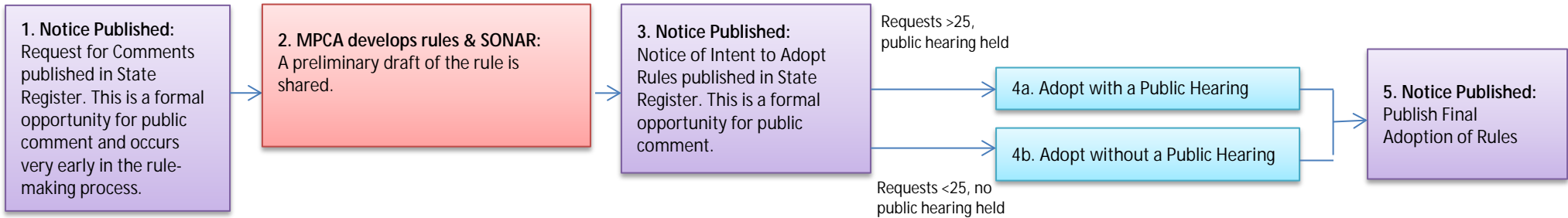


Public Rulemaking Docket

*Opportunities for Public Involvement in MPCA Rules



The rulemaking process utilized by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) provides three opportunities for public involvement:

1. When the Request for Comments (RFC) is published in the *State Register*, it communicates general ideas for the rulemaking. This is an opportunity for stakeholders to provide formal comments and input on the rulemaking ideas that may narrow or broaden the scope of the project. Stakeholder data or other relevant information can be submitted at this time. An example of information submitted could be relevant cost information for implementing the general ideas announced in the RFC. MPCA encourages stakeholder participation at this early stage of the process so that relevant information can be considered as decisions that shape the rule are made.
2. During this phase of the rulemaking, MPCA generally develops a preliminary draft of rule language and makes it available for at least one informal public comment period. Throughout this phase, stakeholder meetings may be held and informal comments may be submitted.
3. When a Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules is published, it signals the final opportunity for stakeholder input, unless a hearing is held. The published notice will indicate the relevant submittal deadlines. At this stage, a complete Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) and draft rule are made available for formal public comment.

The Agency can proceed with a public hearing or without one. If held, the public hearing provides an additional formal opportunity for stakeholders to testify or submit written testimony in front of an Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) who presides over the hearing.

On completion, MPCA will publish final adoption of rules. Most rules become effective five working days after they appear in the *State Register*.

Note that the above schematic simply highlights the opportunity for public participation within the rulemaking process. **Exempt rulemaking follows a more abbreviated process.*

Acronyms:	ALJ – Administrative Law Judge	OAH – Office of Administrative Hearings	SONAR – Statement of Need and Reasonableness
	GO – Governor’s Office	RFC – Request for Comments	SR – Minnesota State Register
	MMB – Minnesota Management and Budget		USEPA – United States Environmental Protection Agency

Check with the agency contact person to inspect written comments, written requests for a public hearing, and names of parties who requested a public hearing.

Sign-up to receive rule notices at: <http://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNPCA/subscriber/new>

Search the Revisor’s Minnesota Rules Status database at: https://www.revisor.mn.gov/rules/rule_search.php

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CROSS-MEDIA RULES							
<p>Land-Related Housekeeping Amendments</p> <p>https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/housekeeping-rulemakings</p> <p><i>Minn. R.</i> chs. 7000, 7001, 7035, 7045, 9210, and 9215</p> <p>Revisor No. R-04155</p> <p>Medias impacted: Air, Water, and Waste.</p>	<p>Will address housekeeping edits (i.e., incorrect cross-references, updates to methods, remove obsolete requirements, etc.); incorporate federal requirements into rule; and incorporate approved variances to MMSW ash testing into the existing rule.</p> <p>These rules are considered cross-media because of changes to procedural rules in chapter 7000 that affect all medias.</p>	<p>Yolanda Letnes 651-757-2527 yolanda.letnes@state.mn.us</p>	<p>RFC published 10/21/13. Preliminary draft of rule language released 6/13/14. Changes to language currently being considered based on comments submitted.</p> <p>Nature of rule changes will be minor edits correcting cross-references, obsolete language, etc.</p>	<p>Anticipate publishing proposed rules with formal public comment period in March 2019.</p>	<p>Goal: Complete September 2019.</p>	<p>RFC published in <i>SR</i> on 21 October 2013 (38 SR 534)</p>	<p>Not anticipated.</p>
AIR RULES – Be sure to check CROSS-MEDIA RULES							
<p>Clean Air Act § 111(d): Clean Power Plan</p> <p>Revisor No. R-04265</p>	<p>Amending MPCA rules to bring MN into compliance with USEPA's Clean Power Plan</p>	<p>Katie Izzo 651-757-2595 katie.izzo@state.mn.us</p>	<p>On 10/10/2017, USEPA proposed to repeal the Clean Power Plan. The MPCA expects to not proceed with this rulemaking.</p>			<p>RFC published in <i>SR</i> on 3 August 2015 (40 SR 124)</p>	

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<p>Exempt Source/Conditionally Insignificant Activities</p> <p>https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/exempt-source-conditionally-insignificant-activities</p> <p><i>Minn. R. chs. 7005, 7007, 7008, 7011, and 7019</i></p> <p>Revisor No. R-04429</p>	<p>Amendments to air quality rules governing conditionally exempt stationary sources and conditionally insignificant activities to address several issues with the requirements for these activities and to meet federal requirements for affected sources.</p>	<p>Mary H. Lynn 651-757-2439 mary.lynn@state.mn.us</p>	<p>Public comment on proposed rules open April 23 - May 29, 2018.</p> <p>A public information meeting on the proposed rules was held May 10, 2018, at the MPCA St. Paul Office.</p> <p>The MPCA is reviewing and considering all comments submitted during the public comment period on the proposed rules.</p> <p>For more information, see the rule webpage.</p>	<p>Proposed rules published in the SR April 23, 2018; comment period ended May 29, 2018.</p>	<p>Goal: Adopt rules fall 2018.</p>	<p>RFC published in SR on 9 January 2017 (41 SR 862).</p> <p>Proposed rules published in SR on 23 April 2018 (42 SR 1223).</p>	<p>The MPCA did not hold a public hearing on the proposed rules because it received no requests for a public hearing.</p>
<p>Air Quality Incorporation by Reference</p> <p>https://www.pca.state.mn.us/air/rulemaking-incorporation-reference</p> <p>Revisor No. R-04452</p>	<p>Amending MPCA rules to incorporate USEPA New Source Performance Standards (NSPS) and National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAP) and to make corrections and clarifications to existing air-related rules.</p>	<p>Carol Nankivel 651-757-2597 carol.nankivel@state.mn.us</p>	<p>Request for comment period closed April 6, 2018.</p>	<p>Plan to publish proposed rules in late 2018.</p>	<p>Goal: Adopt rules by early 2019.</p>	<p>RFC published in SR on 20 February 2018 (42 SR 960)</p>	<p>To be determined.</p>

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WATER RULES – Be sure to check CROSS-MEDIA RULES							
<p>*Water Quality Standards: Class 3 and non-wild rice-related amendments to Class 4 waters</p> <p>https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/amendments-water-quality-standards-%E2%80%94-use-classifications-3-and-4</p> <p><i>Minn. R. ch. 7050</i></p> <p>Revisor No. R-04335</p>	<p>Use classification changes for Class 3 (industrial consumption) waters and non-wild rice-related use classification changes for Class 4 (agriculture and wildlife) waters.</p>	<p>Katie Izzo 651-757-2595 katie.izzo@state.mn.us</p>	<p>RFC published 2/8/16; new RFC planned in 2018.</p>	<p>Anticipate publishing a new RFC in 2018.</p>	<p>Goal: Adopt rules in 2019.</p>	<p>RFC published in SR on 8 February 2016 (40 SR 965).</p>	<p>To be determined.</p>
<p>Water Quality Fee Rulemaking</p> <p>https://www.pca.state.mn.us/amendments-water-quality-fee-rules</p> <p><i>Minn. R. ch. 7002 and 7083</i></p> <p>Revisor No. R-04476</p>	<p>Current fees authorized in the rules do not generate sufficient revenue to cover the costs of administering water quality programs associated with the fees. MPCA considering amendments to water quality fee rules that would increase permit application fees, additional fees, and annual fees. Includes fees for municipal and industrial wastewater permits, noncontact cooling water permits, stormwater permits, feedlot permits, septic systems, variances, environmental review, and laboratory certification. For more information, see the rule webpage.</p>	<p>Mary H. Lynn 651-757-2439 mary.lynn@state.mn.us</p>	<p>RFC published 6/26/2017.</p> <p>Informational meetings on this rulemaking were held via video conference on July 24, 2017, at the MPCA St. Paul and Regional Offices.</p> <p>The MPCA created the Water Fee Advisory Committee (Minn. Stat. 14.101) to provide input to the Commissioner on water fees. The Advisory Committee met monthly January - June 2018. The MPCA plans to prepare a draft report, with key ideas we heard from Advisory Committee members and proposed actions including fee adjustments.</p>		<p>To be determined.</p>	<p>RFC published in SR on 26 June 2017 (41 SR 1504)</p>	<p>To be determined.</p>

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Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) Inspections and Permit Requirements Revisor No. R-04478	Amending SSTS-related rules regarding when a State Disposal System (SDS) permit is required, and when tank pumping is required for completion of a compliance inspection on an existing SSTS.	Katie Izzo 651-757-2595 katie.izzo@state.mn.us	Compiling and considering comments submitted during the RFC notice period.	Plan to publish proposed rules fall 2018.	Goal: Adopt rules in 2019.	RFC published in <i>SR</i> on 11 Dec 2017 (42 SR 672)	To be determined.
Water Quality Standards: Class 2A/2B and Class 7 Use Change <i>Minn. R. ch. 7050</i>	Use designation changes for Class 2 (aquatic life) and Class 7 (limited resource value waters).	Mary H. Lynn 651-757-2439 mary.lynn@state.mn.us	RFC published 9/24/2018. The technical review for this project is complete. Technical staff are developing supporting documentation.	RFC on planned amendments published 9/24/2018. Comment period open September 24 - November 8, 2018.	To be determined.	RFC published in <i>SR</i> on 24 Sept 2018 (43 SR 394)	To be determined.

WASTE RULES – Be sure to check CROSS-MEDIA RULES

Petroleum Contaminated Soils https://www.pca.state.mn.us/waste/amending-minnesota-rules-governing-land-treatment-practices-petroleum-contaminated-soil <i>Minn. R ch. 7037</i> Revisor No. R-04079	Amending MPCA rules governing the evaluation and the land application of petroleum contaminated soils as a means of treatment.	Nathan Cooley 651-757-2290 nathan.cooley@state.mn.us	RFC and preliminary draft of rules published 9/22/14.	We welcome comments on the RFC and shared preliminary draft rules until the proposed rules are published in the <i>SR</i> for formal public comment. Plan to publish notice of proposed rules fall 2018.		RFC published in <i>SR</i> on 22 September 2014 (39 SR 398) .	To be determined.
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<p>Underground Storage Tanks (UST) Update</p> <p>https://www.pca.state.mn.us/waste/underground-storage-tanks-ust-update-rulemaking</p> <p><i>Minn. R. ch. 7150</i></p> <p>Revisor No. R-04360</p>	<p>Federal UST regulations were amended 7/15/2015; the MPCA is revising its existing UST rules to address various new requirements, updates, corrections, and the removal of past deferrals. Federal rule requires states to re-apply for state program approval by 10/13/2018.</p>	<p>Yolanda Letnes 651-757-2527 yolanda.letnes@state.mn.us</p>	<p>RFC published 11/9/15. Comment period closed 12/11/15.</p> <p>Advisory committee meetings completed February - June 2016.</p>	<p>Comment period on proposed rules open August 27 - October 11, 2018.</p>	<p>Goal: Adopt rules spring 2019.</p>	<p>RFC published in <i>SR</i> on 9 November 2015 (40 SR 548)</p> <p>Dual Notice published in <i>SR</i> on 27 August 2018 (43 SR 212)</p>	<p>Public hearing tentatively scheduled for October 25, 2018, at 3:30 p.m.</p>
<p>Construction & Demolition Debris Landfill Rules</p> <p><i>Minn. R. ch. 7001 and 7035</i></p> <p>Revisor No: R-04556</p>	<p>To be determined.</p> <p>MPCA report to MN Legislature March 2019</p>	<p>Nathan Cooley 651-757-2290 nathan.cooley@state.mn.us</p>	<p>The MPCA plans to work with stakeholders and to engage in information gathering to inform rulemaking. Internal discussion and staff assignments.</p>	<p>Anticipate publishing a RFC on October 1, 2018.</p>	<p>To be determined.</p>		<p>To be determined.</p>

COMPLETED RULEMAKING PROJECTS – ADOPTED WITHIN PAST YEAR

Subject Matter <i>(Existing webpages are listed)</i> *denotes 2008 Triennial Review related rules	Notices Published <i>(State Register citations listed in sequence by Notice of Adoption date)</i>	Date Rule Adopted by MPCA (i.e., Order to Adopt is signed)	Date Rule Filed with Secretary of State	Effective Date of Rule
Dry Cleaner Reimbursement Fund https://www.pca.state.mn.us/waste/drycleaner-fund-environmental-response-and-reimbursement-account Revisor No. R-04411	Notice of Intent to Adopt Expedited Rules published in <i>SR</i> on 20 November 2017 (42 SR 581) Notice of Extended Public Comment Period for Notice of Intent to Adopt Expedited Rules published in <i>SR</i> on 18 December 2017 (42 SR 685) Notice of Adopted Expedited Permanent Rules published in <i>SR</i> on 14 May 2018 (42 SR 1444)	4/11/18	4/16/18	5/14/18
Tiered Aquatic Life Uses (TALU) https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/tiered-aquatic-life-uses-talu-framework Revisor No. R-04237	Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules published in <i>SR</i> on 19 December 2016 (41 SR 659) Notice of Adoption published in <i>SR</i> on 16 October 2017 (42 SR 441)	9/21/17	9/27/17	10/23/17

WITHDRAWN RULEMAKING PROJECTS

Subject Matter <i>(Existing webpages are listed)</i>	Notices Published <i>(State Register citations listed in sequence)</i>	Date Rule Adopted by MPCA (i.e., Order to Adopt is signed)	Date Rule Filed with Secretary of State	Effective Date of Rule
<p>Water Quality Standards Rulemaking. Sulfate Standard for the Protection of Wild Rice</p> <p>https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/protecting-wild-rice-waters</p> <p>Revisor No. 04324</p>	<p>Notice of Hearing and Proposed Rules published in <i>SR</i> on 21 August 2017 (42 SR 171)</p> <p>Notice of an additional hearing published in <i>SR</i> on 18 September 2017 (42 SR 369)</p> <p>Notice of withdrawal published in <i>SR</i> on 7 May, 2018 (42 SR 1423)</p>	<p align="center">n/a</p> <p>Rules will not be adopted; proposed rules withdrawn from the rulemaking process</p>	<p align="center">n/a</p>	<p align="center">n/a</p>
<p>Exempt Wastewater Discharge Rules</p> <p>Revisor No. R-04484</p> <p>Good cause exempt rule process under Minn. Stat. § 14.388.</p>	<p>No RFC required for good cause exempt rules.</p> <p>Rule language provided by 2017 Minnesota Session Law, Chapter 93 (section 160).</p> <p>The good cause exempt rulemaking process does not provide for public hearings.</p>	<p align="center">n/a</p> <p>Rules will not be adopted; the 2018 MN Legislature addressed this subject matter in law.</p>	<p align="center">n/a</p>	<p align="center">n/a</p>
<p>Silica Sand Projects</p> <p>https://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/silica-sand-mining</p> <p><i>Minn. R. ch. 7007 and 7011</i></p> <p>Revisor No. R-04206</p>	<p>RFC published in <i>SR</i> on 22 July 2013 (38 SR 109)</p> <p>2nd RFC published in <i>SR</i> on 29 September 2014 (39 SR 421)</p> <p>Extension of 2nd RFC comment period published in <i>SR</i> on 27 October 2014 (39 SR 583)</p> <p>The 2013 MN Legislature authorized the MPCA to provide rules governing air emissions from silica sand mining, processing, and transporting projects. The Agency convened an advisory panel and held a series of input meetings.</p> <p>The 2017 MN Legislature changed the MPCA's rulemaking authority on this subject. As a result, the MPCA has decided not to propose amended rules and will instead regulate under existing authorities.</p>	<p align="center">n/a</p> <p>Rules will not be adopted; the 2017 MN Legislature changed the MPCA's rulemaking authority on this subject.</p>	<p align="center">n/a</p>	<p align="center">n/a</p>

UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE RULEMAKING

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Water Quality Standards: Class 1 <i>Minn. R. chs. 7050 and 7060</i>	Use designations changes for Class 1 (domestic consumption) and associated WQS for groundwater and surface water.	To be determined.	MPCA, Minnesota Department of Health, and other agencies with relevant authority reviewing specific items for revision.	To be determined.	To be determined.		To be determined.
Water Quality Standards: surface water pathogens (E.coli)	Revise recreational WQS for human health protection from E.coli based on USEPA 304(a) Recreational Water Quality Criteria from 2012.	Laura Solem	The technical review for this project is nearly complete.	To be determined.	To be determined.		To be determined.