

Opportunities for Public Involvement in MPCA Rules

1. Notice Published	2. Rule Development	3. Notice Published	4. Hearing/No Hearing
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Request for Comments published in <i>State Register</i> b. Formal comment opportunity for all interested parties 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Statement of Need and Reasonableness drafting b. Potential preliminary draft rule shared 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules published in <i>State Register</i> b. Formal comment opportunity for all interested parties 	<p>Threshold of 25 or more requests is needed to hold a hearing on a Dual Notice or a Notice of Intent to Adopt Rule Without a Hearing</p>

The standard Administrative Procedures Act (APA) rulemaking process used by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) normally provides at least 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. The MPCA encourages stakeholder participation at this early stage of the process so that the MPCA can consider relevant information as it determines the shape and scope of its proposed rulemaking.
2. During this phase of the rulemaking, the MPCA generally makes a preliminary draft of rule language available and invites informal public comments and specifies conditions and deadlines.
3. When the MPCA publishes a Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules, it signals a final opportunity for formal stakeholder input (if no public hearing is held). The Notice will indicate all relevant submittal conditions. At this stage, the MPCA would provide a Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR) and proposed Rules for formal public review/comment.
4. The APA may or not require the MPCA to hold a public hearing based on hearing requests or conditional needs. 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. Check with the MPCA contact person to inspect written comments, written requests for a public hearing, and names of parties who requested a public hearing.

On completion of APA notice requirements, the MPCA will publish final adoption of Rules. Unless otherwise specified, most Rules normally become effective five working days after they appear in the *State Register*. Notice, [exempt](#) rulemaking follows a more abbreviated process.

Acronyms:

ALJ—Administrative Law Judge

CAH—Court of Administrative Hearings

SR—Minnesota *State Register*

GO—Governor's Office

RFC—Request for Comments

USEPA—United States Environmental Protection

MMB—Minnesota Management and Budget

SONAR—Statement of Need and Reasonableness

Agency

APA—Administrative Procedures Act

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ACTIVE RULES—AIR

Subject Matter (<i>Existing webpages are listed</i>) Brief Rule Summary Agency Contact Person	Current status of proposed rule and any agency determinations	Next opportunity for Public Comment Public Hearing schedule, if applicable	Timetable for adoption and other agency determinations	Notices published <i>(State Register citations)</i>
Air Toxics Regulations https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/air-toxics-regulations Minn. R. chs. 7002, 7005, 7007, 7017, 7012, and 7019 Revisor No. R-04807 Brief rule summary: Rules to regulate facilities that emit air toxics located in the 7-county metro area. Directed by Laws of Minnesota 2023, chapter 60, article 8, section 5. The legislature established definitions for air toxics and environmental justice areas and directed the agency to adopt rules with specified content. Agency contact person: Erica Backstrom, 218-302-6659 erica.backstrom@state.mn.us Technical contact person: Cassandra Meyer, 651-757-2619 cassandra.meyer@state.mn.us	RFC closed September 22, 2023 All comments submitted in response to the RFC will be considered as the MPCA works on preparing draft rule language.	To be determined.	Publish Notice of Intent to Adopt proposed rules by May 18, 2026.	RFC published in SR on 24 July 2023 (48 SR 93)

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Odor Management https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/odor-management Minn. R. chs. 7002, 7005, 7007, 7008, 7011, 7017, and 7019 Revisor No. R-04808 Brief rule summary: Rules related to odor management plan requirements for facilities located in the 7-county metro area when the facility emitted an objectionable odor. Directed by Minnesota Session Law – 2023, Chapter 60. Agency contact person: Taylor Traufler, 651-757-2828 Taylor.traufler@state.mn.us Technical contact person: Lauren Dickerson, 651-757-2184 lauren.dickerson@state.mn.us	RFC closed September 8, 2023. All comments submitted in response to the RFC will be considered as the MPCA works on preparing draft rule language.	To be determined.	To be determined.	RFC published in SR on 24 July 2023 (48 SR 90)

ACTIVE RULES—WATER

Subject Matter (Existing webpages are listed) Brief Rule Summary Agency Contact Person	Current status of proposed rule and any agency determinations	Next opportunity for Public Comment Public Hearing Schedule, if applicable	Timetable for adoption and other agency determinations	Notices published (State Register citations)
Water Quality Standards: Use Class 1 https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/drinking-water-standards Minn. R. chs. 7050, 7052, 7053, and 7060 Revisor No. R-04727 Brief rule summary: Update numeric and narrative WQS for surface water and groundwater; and clarify where the WQS apply. This rulemaking includes establishing WQS for specific PFAS as directed by Minnesota Session Law – 2023, Chapter 60. Agency contact person: Erica Backstrom, 218-302-6659 erica.backstrom@state.mn.us Technical contact person: Laura Lyle, 651-757-2289 laura.lyle@state.mn.us	First RFC closed February 14, 2022. Second RFC closed October 30, 2023. All comments submitted in response to both the first and second RFC will be considered as the MPCA works on preparing draft rule language. MPCA, Minnesota Department of Health, and Minnesota Department of Natural Resources are reviewing specific items for revision.	To be determined.	To be determined.	RFC published in SR on 13 December 2021 (46 SR 709) RFC published in SR on 28 August 2023 (48 SR 240)
Water Quality Standards: Use Class 2 Ammonia https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/ammonia-water-quality-standard Minn. R. chs. 7050 and 7053 Revisor No. R-04737 Brief rule summary: Revise existing ammonia standard to reflect current science. Agency contact person: Maggie Wenger, 651-757-2007 maggie.wenger@state.mn.us Technical contact persons: Robert Dietz, 651-757-2668 robert.dietz@state.mn.us	RFC closed September 15, 2022. These amendments will no longer include the addition of a nitrate standard.	To be determined.	To be determined.	RFC published in SR on 1 August 2022 (47 SR 66)

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Water Quality Fee Rulemaking https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/mpca-water-quality-fees Minn. R. ch. 7002 Revisor No. R-04476 Brief rule summary: 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 and stormwater permits, construction stormwater permits, feedlot permits, and variances. For more information, see the rule webpage. Agency contact person: Erica Backstrom, 218-302-6659 erica.backstrom@state.mn.us	RFC closed September 2, 2022.	To be determined.	To be determined.	RFC published in SR on 26 June 2017 (41 SR 1504) Second RFC published in SR on 27 January 2020 (44 SR 847) Third RFC published in SR on 1 August 2022 (47 SR 63)
Lakes Water Quality Standards https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/lake-aquatic-life-and-recreation Minn. R. ch. 7050 Revisor No. R-04740 Brief rule summary: Revise water quality standards for lake aquatic life and recreation, with housekeeping changes to incorporate lake use designation tables by reference and correct errors in existing river eutrophication standards. Agency contact person: Katie Izzo, 651-757-2595 katie.izzo@state.mn.us Technical contact person: Will Bouchard, 651-757-2333 will.bouchard@state.mn.us	RFC closed November 3, 2023. All comments submitted in response to the RFC will be considered as the MPCA works on preparing draft rule language.	To be determined.	To be determined.	RFC published in SR on 18 September 2023 (48 SR 297)

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Animal Feedlots https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/animal-feedlots Minn. R. Ch. 7020 Revisor No. R-04928 Brief rule summary: Update rules governing animal feedlots to improve land application of manure practices to address nitrates and fish kills, establish additional technical standards to protect water quality and avoid fish kills, and updates to address changes in livestock and poultry operation/business practices, account for new agency data services, and modernize outdated rule language. Agency contact person: Addison Otto, 651-757-2754 addison.otto@state.mn.us Technical contact person: George Schwint, 320-894-5866 george.schwint@state.mn.us	RFC closed July 22, 2025. All comments submitted in response to the RFC will be considered as the MPCA works on preparing draft rule language.	Next public information session is still being planned; see webpage for details as they get finalized. New events are scheduled frequently—sign up at https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNPCA/subscriber/new?topic_id=MNPCA_605 to be notified when new information becomes available.	To be determined.	RFC published in SR on 24 March 2025 (49 SR 39)

ACTIVE RULES—LAND (HAZARDOUS WASTE, SOLID WASTE)

Subject Matter (<i>Existing webpages are listed</i>) Brief Rule Summary Agency Contact Person	Current status of proposed rule and any agency determinations	Next opportunity for Public Comment Public Hearing Schedule, if applicable	Timetable for adoption and other agency determinations	Notices published (State Register citations)
Waste Management Capital Assistance Program https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/solid-waste-capital-assistance-program Minn. R. ch. 9210 Revisor No. R-04815 Brief rule summary: This expedited rulemaking will amend chapter 9210 to implement legislative changes to the Solid Waste Capital Assistance Program as required by Laws of Minnesota, Chapter 60, article 3, section 6 and 9 to 13. Agency contact person: Daniel Gonzalez, 651-757-2267 daniel.gonzalez@state.mn.us Technical contact person: Jeannie Given, 651-757-2459 jeannie.given@state.mn.us	The Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules without a hearing published in the <i>State Register</i> on November 24, 2025. The comment period closed on December 30, 2025.	Notice of Intent to Adopt comment period closed on December 30, 2025.	To be determined.	Dual Notice of Intent to Adopt published in SR on 24 November 2025 (50 SR 493)
Petroleum Contaminated Soil Management https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/treatment-of-petroleum-contaminated-soil Minn. R. ch. 7037 Revisor No. R-04079 Brief rule summary: MPCA plans to amend its rules from 1993 governing evaluating and land applying petroleum-contaminated soil as a means of treatment. Agency contact person: Maggie Wenger, 651-757-2007 maggie.wenger@state.mn.us Technical contact persons: Heidi Bauman, 218-302 6607 heidi.bauman@state.mn.us Lee Field, 218-302-6609 lee.field@state.mn.us	RFC and preliminary draft of rules published September 22, 2014.	The MPCA is revising its timeline to consider program needs more fully before publishing proposed rules for public comment, possibly in summer 2025.	To be determined.	RFC published in SR on 22 September 2014 (39 SR 398)

<p>Subject Matter (<i>Existing webpages are listed</i>)</p> <p>Brief Rule Summary</p> <p>Agency Contact Person</p>	<p>Current status of proposed rule and any agency determinations</p>	<p>Next opportunity for Public Comment</p> <p>Public Hearing Schedule, if applicable</p>	<p>Timetable for adoption and other agency determinations</p>	<p>Notices published (State Register citations)</p>
<p>Construction & Demolition Debris Land Disposal Systems (CDLs) Rule Amendments</p> <p>https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/construction-and-demolition-debris-landfills</p> <p>Minn. R. chs. 7001 and 7035</p> <p>Revisor No. R-04556</p> <p>Brief rule summary: Amending CDL Rules to stop CDL leachate from contaminating groundwater in response to a MPCA C&D landfill groundwater monitoring report released in October 2019.</p> <p>Agency contact person: Yolanda Letnes, Planner 651-757-2527 Yolanda.letnes@state.mn.us</p> <p>Technical contact persons: Sherri Nachtigal, supr. Engineer, 507-206-2600 sherri.nachtigal@state.mn.us</p> <p>Laura Pugh, Hydrogeologist, 651-757-2313 laura.pugh@state.mn.us</p> <p>Heidi Ringhofer, Planner 218-302-6652 heidi.ringhofer@state.mn.us</p> <p>Jon Buck, supr. Engineer, 651-757-2375 Jon.buck@state.mn.us</p>	<p>First RFC published on Oct. 1, 2018, with one comment letter submitted.</p> <p>Given the lack of comments, the MPCA held public meetings with interested parties in Crookston, Duluth, Mankato, and St. Paul in November and December 2018 to share updated agency concerns and to gather input and ideas for changes to improve the CDL land disposal system.</p> <p>Second RFC published July 28, 2025, with a preliminary draft of rule language. The MPCA then held three virtual meetings. Twenty-five comment letters were submitted in response to the second RFC. The MPCA is currently reviewing comments and considering appropriate changes. View meetings and comments on the rule webpage.</p> <p>The MPCA continues to work on both the draft rule development and associated rationale for the Statement of Need and Reasonableness (SONAR).</p>	<p>Notice of Intent to Adopt with a Hearing – to be determined</p>	<p>To be determined.</p>	<p>RFC published in SR on 1 October 2018 (43 SR 417)</p> <p>RFC published in SR on 28, July 2025 (50 SR 86)</p>

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Minnesota Dry Cleaner Reimbursement Rule Webpage to be announced Minn. R. chs. 7152 Revisor No. R-04959 Brief rule summary: The proposed expedited rules are to amend the chapter 7152 Minnesota Dry Cleaner Reimbursement Account rules to ensure consistency and compliance with state statutes and rules by updating the reimbursement rates for consultant and contractor services for environmental response action costs. Agency contact person: Daniel Gonzalez, 651-757-2267 daniel.gonzalez@state.mn.us Technical contact persons: Sondra Campbell, Hydrologist, 651-757-2840 shondra.campbell@state.mn.us	The Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules without a hearing published in the State Register on January 5, 2026. The comment period closes on February 4, 2026.	Notice of Intent to Adopt comment period closes on February 4, 2026.	To be determined.	Dual Notice of Intent to Adopt published in SR on 5 January 2026 (50 SR 677) .

ACTIVE RULES—CROSS-MEDIA RULES

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Cumulative Impacts Analysis https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/cumulative-impacts Minn. R. ch. 7001 Revisor No. R-04805 Brief rule summary: Directed by Minnesota Session Law – 2023, Chapter 60, the MPCA is beginning rulemaking to implement cumulative impact analysis and permit decisions for facilities that affect areas of concern regarding environmental justice. Agency contact person: Katie Izzo, 651-757-2595 katie.izzo@state.mn.us Technical contact person: Hassan Bouchareb, 651-757-2653 hassan.bouchareb@state.mn.us	Second RFC period closed May 21, 2025. All comments submitted in response to the second RFC will be considered equally with those received in response to the original RFC as the MPCA works on preparing draft rule language.	Second RFC public comment period closed May 21, 2025. New events are scheduled frequently—sign up at https://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/MNPCA/subscriber/qualify?topic_id=MNPCA_523 to be notified when new information becomes available.	By statutory requirement, MPCA must publish Notice of Intent to Adopt by May 26, 2026.	Second RFC published in SR on 21 April 2025 (49 SR 43) RFC published in SR on 24 July 2023 (48 SR 96)

Subject Matter (<i>Existing webpages are listed</i>) Brief Rule Summary Agency Contact Person	Current status of proposed rule and any agency determinations	Next opportunity for Public comment Public hearing schedule, if applicable	Timetable for adoption and other agency determinations	Notices published <i>(State Register citations)</i>
PFAS in Products Currently Unavoidable Use https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/pfas-in-products-currently-unavoidable-use Minn. R. ch. 7026 Revisor No. R-04837 Brief rule summary: Rules to establish a program for the MPCA to determine currently unavoidable uses of intentionally added PFAS in products available in Minnesota. Beginning January 1, 2032, products containing intentionally added PFAS which are sold, offered for sale, or distributed in the state are banned unless the MPCA determines by rule that the use(s) of PFAS they contain are currently unavoidable uses. Authorized by Minnesota Session Law – 2023, chapter 60, article 3, section 21. Agency contact person: Addison Otto, 651-757-2754 addison.otto@state.mn.us Technical contact person: Andria Kurbondski, 651-757-2525 andria.kurbondski@state.mn.us	RFC closed March 1, 2024. All comments submitted in response to the RFC will be considered as the MPCA works on preparing draft rule language.	The MPCA will be hosting a webinar on Thursday, February 26, 2026 at 1:00 PM to provide updates on the rule. Join at https://www.pca.state.mn.us/events-and-meetings/pfas-rulemaking-webinar-2026-02-26 . The webinar will be recorded and posted on the rule webpage for those that are unable to attend. After the webinar, there will be a comment period open until March 27, 2026 to allow the public to provide feedback on the information presented.	To be determined.	RFC published in SR on 18, December 2023 (48 SR 557)

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<p>Land-Related Housekeeping Amendments</p> <p>Medias impacted: Air, Water, and Waste. These rules are considered cross-media because of changes to procedural rules in chapter 7000 that affect all medias.</p> <p>https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/land-housekeeping-amendments</p> <p>Minn. R. chs. 7000, 7001, 7035, 7045, 9210, and 9215</p> <p>Revisor No. R-04155</p> <p>Brief rule summary:</p> <p>First RFC topics: 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 mixed municipal solid waste (MMSW) ash testing into the existing rule.</p> <p>Second RFC topics: Incorporate new federal requirements; incorporate new Minnesota household pharmaceutical collection requirements; repeal obsolete rules; and incorporate existing approved variances for MMSW ash testing into the rule with certain exceptions.</p> <p>For more information, see the rule webpage.</p> <p>Agency contact person: Yolanda Letnes, 651-757-2527 yolanda.letnes@state.mn.us</p> <p>Technical contact persons: Joshua Burman, 507-344-5243 (hazardous waste) joshua.burman@state.mn.us</p> <p>Daniel Aamodt , 651-757-2435 for (solid waste) daniel.aamodt@state.mn.us</p> <p>Alex Hokenson, 651-757-2440 (clarifying groundwater intervention limits) alex.hokenson@state.mn.us</p> <p>Mark Rust, 651-757-2684 (grant applications and RFPs) mark.rust@state.mn.us</p>	<p>First RFC was published October 21, 2013. Preliminary draft of rule language released June 13, 2014. Changes to rule language are still being considered based on comments submitted.</p> <p>All comments submitted in response to the second RFC published January 14, 2019, will also be considered.</p>	<p>To be determined.</p>	<p>To be determined.</p>	<p>RFC published in SR on 21 October 2013 (38 SR 534)</p> <p>Second RFC published in the SR on 14 January 2019 (43 SR 860)</p>

COMPLETED RULEMAKING PROJECTS—ADOPTED WITHIN PAST YEAR

Subject Matter (Existing webpages are listed)	Notices Published	Date Rule adopted by MPCA (i.e., Order to Adopt is signed)	Date Rule filed with Secretary of State	Effective date of Rule
<p>Agency Contact Person</p> <p>Solid Waste Facilities Exiting Postclosure Care https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/closed-landfill-requirements</p> <p>Minn. R. ch. 7035</p> <p>Revisor No. R-04878</p> <p>Brief rule summary: This good cause exempt rulemaking amended chapter 7035 to require approval from the commissioner prior to the termination of the postclosure care period.</p> <p>Agency contact person: Erica Backstrom, 218-302-6659 erica.backstrom@state.mn.us</p> <p>Technical contact person: Daniel Aamodt, 651-757-2435 daniel.aamodt@state.mn.us</p>	<p>The rule was published in the August 4, 2025 publication of the <i>State Register</i>.</p>	June 10, 2025	June 13, 2025	August 4, 2025
<p>Air Toxics Emissions Reporting https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/air-toxics-emssions-reporting</p> <p>Minn. R. chs. 7002, 7005, 7007, and 7019</p> <p>Revisor No. R-04599</p> <p>Brief rule summary: Rules related to air toxics emissions reporting requirements for facilities located in the 7-county metro area. Directed by Minnesota Session Law – 2023, Chapter 60, and repeal of the Title V emergency affirmative defense provisions in response to the EPA removing such provisions from 40 CFR 70.6(g).</p> <p>Agency contact person: Addison Otto, 651-757-2754 addison.otto@state.mn.us</p> <p>Technical contact person: Megan Kuhl-Stennes, 651-757-2455 megan.kuhlstennes@state.mn.us</p>	<p>RFC published in the <i>State Register</i> on July 24, 2023 (48 SR 88).</p> <p>Second RFC published in the <i>State Register</i> on April 1, 2024 (48 SR 40).</p> <p>Dual Notice of Intent to Adopt published in the <i>State Register</i> on November 25, 2024 (49 SR 22).</p> <p>Order Adopting Rules published in the <i>State Register</i> on October 6, 2025 (50 SR 14).</p>	August 12, 2025	September 10, 2025	October 13, 2025

Subject Matter (Existing webpages are listed) Agency Contact Person	Notices Published	Date Rule adopted by MPCA (i.e., Order to Adopt is signed)	Date Rule filed with Secretary of State	Effective date of Rule
<p>PFAS in Products Reporting and Fees https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/pfas-in-products-reporting-and-fees</p> <p>Minn. R. ch. 7026 Revisor No. R-04828</p> <p>Brief rule summary: Rules to establish a program for the MPCA to collect information and an associated fee from manufacturers of products sold, offered for sale, or distributed in Minnesota that contain intentionally added PFAS. Directed by Minnesota Session Law – 2023, Chapter 60.</p> <p>Agency contact person: Addison Otto, 651-757-2754 addison.otto@state.mn.us</p> <p>Technical contact person: Andria Kurbondski, 651-757-2525 andria.kurbondski@state.mn.us</p>	<p>RFC published in SR on 25 September 2023 (48 SR 325)</p> <p>Second RFC published in SR on 18 November 2024 (49 SR 550)</p> <p>Notice of Hearing to Adopt Rules published in SR on 21 April 2025 (49 SR 1165)</p> <p>Order Adopting Rules published in the SR on December 8, 2025 (50 SR 23).</p>	November 4, 2025	November 13, 2025	December 15, 2025

UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR POSSIBLE FUTURE RULEMAKING

Subject Matter <i>(Existing webpages are listed)</i>				Notices published <i>(State Register citations)</i>
Brief Rule Summary	Current status of proposed rule and any agency determinations	Next opportunity for Public Comment Public Hearing schedule, if applicable	Timetable for adoption and other agency determinations	
Nitrate Water Quality Standards Develop statewide water quality standard for nitrate for the protection of aquatic life.	TBD	TBD	TBD	

WITHDRAWN RULEMAKING PROJECTS

Subject Matter	Notices Published	Status	Revisor No.	Additional notes
Waste Treated Seeds	<p>RFC published in SR on 28 August 2023 (48 SR 243)</p> <p>RFC published in SR on 26 December 2023 (48 SR 603)</p> <p>Dual Notice of Intent to Adopt published in SR on 30 December 2024 (49 SR 697)</p> <p>Notice of Withdrawn Rules published in SR on 23 October 2025 (50 SR 451)</p>	Rules will not be adopted; proposed rules withdrawn from the rulemaking process.	R-04806	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/waste-treated-seeds
Drainage-Hole Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS)	RFC published in SR on 7 November 2022 (47 SR 437)	The MPCA has decided not to move forward with this project amending Minn. R. ch. 7080. After considering public input received in response to the Nov. 2022 RFC, the Agency concluded that the existing rules prohibiting drainage holes should remain in place.	R-04773	
Use Classification Changes for Trout Stream Portion of Dark River in St. Louis County	<p>RFC published in SR on 18 March 2019 (43 SR 1101)</p> <p>Notice of withdrawn rules published in SR on 15 November 2021 (46 SR 639)</p>	The MPCA is withdrawing planned amendments to Minn. R. 7050.0470.	R-04572	
Water Quality Standards Rulemaking. Sulfate Standard for the Protection of Wild Rice	<p>Notice of Hearing and Proposed Rules published in SR on 21 August 2017 (42 SR 171)</p> <p>Notice of an additional hearing published in SR on 18 September 2017 (42 SR 369)</p> <p>Notice of withdrawn rules published in SR on 7 May, 2018 (42 SR 1423)</p>	Rules will not be adopted; proposed rules withdrawn from the rulemaking process.	R-04324	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/protecting-wild-rice-waters
Exempt Wastewater Discharge Rules	<p>No RFC required for good cause exempt rules.</p> <p>Rule language provided by 2017 Minnesota Session Law, Chapter 93 (section 160).</p>	Rules will not be adopted; the 2018 MN Legislature addressed this subject matter in law.	R-04484	Good cause exempt rule process under Minn. Stat. § 14.388.

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Silica Sand Projects	<p>RFC published in SR on 22 July 2013 (38 SR 109)</p> <p>Second RFC published in SR on 29 September 2014 (39 SR 421)</p> <p>Extension of second RFC comment period published in SR 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>	The MPCA will not be amending these rules. The 2017 MN Legislature changed the MPCA's rulemaking authority on this subject. The MPCA can regulate this activity under existing rules.	R-04206	https://www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/silica-sand-mining
Clean Air Act § 111(d): Clean Power Plan	RFC published in SR on 3 August 2015 (40 SR 124)	On July 8, 2019, USEPA repealed the Clean Power Plan. The MPCA will not proceed with this rulemaking.	R-04265	