



Water Fees Rulemaking

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Water quality challenges

A scenic sunset over a calm lake. The sun is low on the horizon, creating a bright orange and yellow glow that reflects on the water's surface. The sky is filled with soft, golden clouds. In the background, a dense line of trees is silhouetted against the bright sky. In the foreground, the dark, curved edge of a boat is visible on the left side of the frame.

Growing list of problems

- Bacteria
- Chloride
- PFAS
- Sulfate
- Phosphorus & Nitrate
- Climate Change

Initial processes in rulemaking

- Request for comments (2017)
- Water Fee Advisory Committee formed
- Request for comments (2020)

Construction stormwater

Proposed tiered application fee structure

Project size (acres)	Current fee	Proposed fee
Less than 5	\$400	\$500
Greater than 5 up to 25	\$400	\$1,000
Greater than 25 up to 50	\$400	\$1,200
Greater than 50 up to 100	\$400	\$2,000
100+	\$400	\$2,500

Subdivision registration \$100

Fees would go into effect immediately following rule adoption.

Municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4)

Type of permittee (fee based on)	Fee detail	Proposed annual fee
City or township (population)	3,000 or fewer	\$150
City or township (population)	3,001 – 10,000	\$750
City or township (population)	10,001 – 30,000	\$1,500
City or township (population)	30,001 – 50,000	\$3,200
City or township (population)	50,001 – 75,000	\$5,000
City or township (population)	75,001 – 100,000	\$8,200
City or township (population)	100,001 +	\$13,500

MS4 annual fees would be phased in across three years.

Municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4)

Type of permittee (fee based on)	Fee detail	Proposed annual fee
County (percent urbanized area)	0-24%	\$750
County (percent urbanized area)	25 – 49%	\$1,500
County (percent urbanized area)	50% +	\$3,200
Non-traditional/college, prison, etc. (acres)	0 - 149	\$500
Non-traditional/college, prison, etc. (acres)	150 +	\$750

MS4 annual fees would be phased in across three years.

Municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4)

Type of permittee (fee based on)	Fee detail	Proposed annual fee
MNDOT outstate (developed land as approx right of way acreage)		\$2,500
MNDOT metro (developed land as approx right of way acreage)		\$12,500
Watershed districts (flat fee)		\$500

MS4 annual fees would be phased in across three years.

Industrial stormwater

Fee type	Current fee	Proposed fee
Annual fee	\$400	\$760
No exposure fee	\$0	\$100

Fees would go into effect immediately following rule adoption.

General permits

Fee type	Current fee	Proposed fee
New application and renewals; no construction	\$620	\$1,240
New application and renewals; with construction	\$620	\$1,860
Major modification application	\$620	\$1,860
Minor modification application	\$620	\$155
Annual fee	\$345	\$620

Large CAFO <1,000 AU annual fee \$310

*Fees would be phased in across three years.
Application fees would go into effect immediately following rule adoption.*

Individual permits

Fee type	Current fee	Proposed fee
New application; no construction	\$1,860	\$1,860
New application; with construction	\$1,860	\$2,480
Renewals; no construction	\$620	\$1,860
Renewals; with construction	\$620	\$2,480
Major modification application	\$1,860	\$2,480
Minor modification application	\$1,860	\$155
Annual fee	\$1,230	\$620

Fees would be phased in across three years.

Application fees would go into effect immediately following rule adoption.

Industrial wastewater

Fee type	Design flow	Current fee	Proposed fee
General		\$343	\$725
Major	< 5 MGD	\$8,450	\$10,140
Major	5 – 19.99 MGD	\$18,250	\$21,900
Major	20 – 49.99 MGD	\$44,200	\$53,040
Cooling water or mine pit dewatering		\$16,900	\$20,280
Non major		\$1,230	\$3,075
Individual stormwater		\$1,230	\$1,476

Annual fees would be phased in across three years.

Municipal wastewater

Fee type	Design flow	Current fee	Proposed fee
General		\$343	\$725
Major	< 5 MGD	\$5,900	\$11,210
Major	5 – 19.99 MGD	\$14,350	\$28,700
Major	20 – 49.99 MGD	\$40,350	\$80,700
Major	50 + MGD	\$175,500	\$368,550
Non major	0 – 100 K GD	\$505	\$960
Non major	> 100K GD	\$1,450	\$2,755
Non-municipal sewage < 100 K gallons		\$495	\$817
Non-municipal sewage < 100 K gallons		\$1,230	\$2,030

Annual fees would be phased in across three years.

Municipal wastewater variances

Initial variance costs

Flow (gallons/day)	Current fee	Proposed fee
0 - 99,999	\$10,850	\$620
100,000 – 999,999	\$10,850	\$1,860
1 – 4.99 M	\$10,850	\$3,100
5 – 19.99 M	\$10,850	\$6,200
20 + M	\$10,850	\$10,850

Fees would go into effect immediately following rule adoption.

Timeline

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 Opportunity for public comment

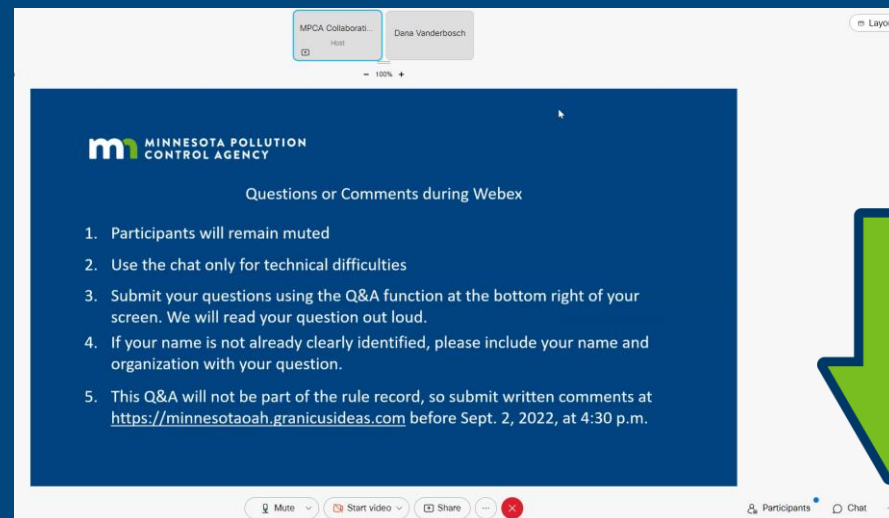
Public comment is open until 4:30 p.m. on Friday, September 2, 2022.

Submit written comments to the Office of Administrative Hearings.
Comments may be submitted online at <https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com>

For more information, visit the MPCA website:
<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/WaterQualityRules>

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4. If your name is not already clearly identified, please include your name and organization with your question.
5. This Q&A will not be part of the rule record, so submit written comments at <https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com> before Sept. 2, 2022, at 4:30 p.m.





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