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December 31, 2019

The Honorable Ann C. O'Reilly
Administrative Law Judge
Office of Administrative Hearings
600 North Robert Street
P.O. Box 64620
St. Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620

RE: Post-Hearing Response for Proposed Amendments to *Minnesota Rules*, Chapter 7050,
Governing Water Quality Standards – Class 2 and Class 7 Use Designations;
OAH Docket No. 65-9003-35561; Revisor's ID No. R-4561

Dear Judge O'Reilly:

Please find attached the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) Post-Hearing Response to Comments (Response) for the proposed amendments referenced above. This Response was prepared for the post-hearing comment period that ends on December 31, 2019. It addresses 1) the substantive issues that were raised in the comments filed during the Dual Notice public comment period, which ended November 7, 2019; 2) the oral testimony and comments that were made during the December 11, 2019, public hearing on the proposed rule amendments; and 3) several questions you asked and specifically requested the MPCA to address in this response.

The MPCA also plans to prepare a Rebuttal Response that will be submitted during the rebuttal comment period, which ends on January 8, 2020. If you have questions regarding the enclosed Response or the content of the proposed rule amendments, please contact Will Bouchard at 651-757-2333 or will.bouchard@state.mn.us. If you have questions regarding the administrative procedures followed for this rulemaking, please contact me at 651-757-2439, or mary.lynn@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Mary H. Lynn'.

Mary H. Lynn
Rule Coordinator
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Attachments