

Water quality standards work plan for 2021-2023

Overview: Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is committed to completing all Water Quality Standards (WQS) projects in Group 1. MPCA anticipates making progress on proposed WQS projects in Group 2. MPCA does not expect to make significant progress on proposed WQS projects in Group 3. A description of each Work Plan category and project is provided below.

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	Water Quality Standards – active development		Water Quality Standards – initial evaluation and development		
	Group 1: Current and active		Group 2: In technical development		Group 3: Tracking and evaluation
Development stage	1A: Rulemaking	1B: Pre-rulemaking development	2A: Technical review	2B: Technical information outstanding	3: Tracking and evaluation
Estimated timeline	Minimum 18 months in this development stage	Two to three years in this development stage	One to two years in this development stage	Unlikely to move into next phase before 2023	Limited progress expected before 2023
	Use Classes 2A (cold water)/ 2B (cool and warm water)	Use Class 1 (drinking water)	Aluminum, copper, and cadmium - aquatic life	Chloride - aquatic life	Revisions to Total Suspended Solids (TSS) WQS
		Revisions to Lake Eutrophication WQS		Sulfate - aquatic life	Imidicloprid and clothianidin - aquatic life
		Nitrate - aquatic life			Perfluoro-octanesulfonic acid (PFOS) in fish tissue - human health
		Ammonia - aquatic life			