

VIDEO 11: ENSURING COMPLIANCE -- MPCA SSTS ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINING

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Introduction

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Talk 11 of 13

General Topic: SSTS Compliance and Enforcement

What we will cover:

- How MPCA enforces SSTS rules statewide
- Basic enforcement tools
- How LGUs can partner with MPCA to assist with rule enforcement

ENFORCEMENT RESOURCES AND THE REGULATED UNIVERSE

Who does the state regulate? What resources does the MPCA have for doing this work?

SSTS Universe

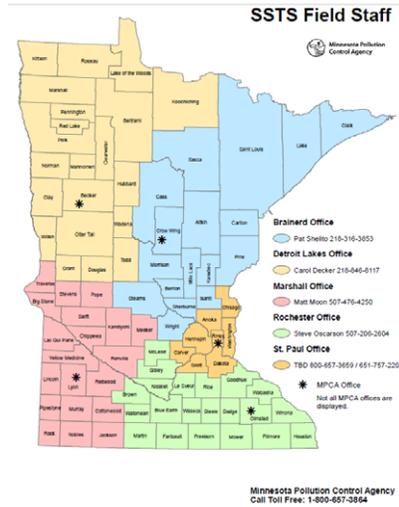
Number of Licenses

Maintainers = 384
Installers = 1001
Service Providers = 77
Inspectors = 347
Designers = 625
Advanced Designers = 46
Advanced Inspectors = 35

**Total License
Universe = 2,515**



MPCA Resources for compliance and enforcement



LGU Resources

LGUs with SSTS Programs (2012 Annual SSTS Report submittals)

Counties = 86
 Cities = 72
 Townships = 50
 Other = 2

Total LGU Programs = 210

Reported Existing SSTS's Statewide = 546,000

LGU Locations

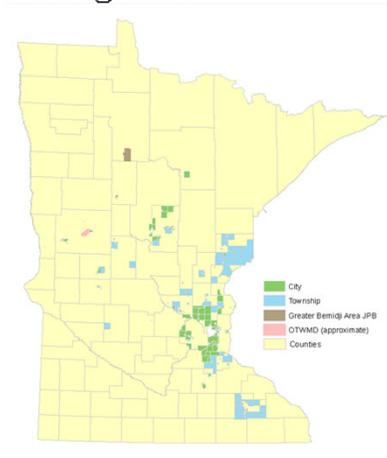
2012 Reporting SSTS Programs

Counties = 86

Cities = 72

Townships = 50

Other = 2



ENFORCEMENT ACTIVITIES

Options for ensuring compliance

Enforcement numbers

Complaints = 200

Inspections = 45

Enforcement Actions with Penalties = 25

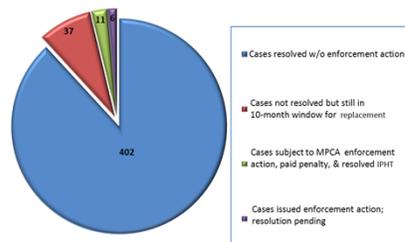
\$500 - \$10,000 range

\$2,500 average

Straight pipe enforcement

- County initiated
- Failure to correct results in \$500 per month fine after the 10 month window expires
- Pertains to direct discharges to the surface
- Homeowners given 10 month compliance window
- State tracks with county on compliance

Total straight pipe cases tracked = 456



REFERRALS

Complaint and Enforcement Referrals

Complaints

Complaint sources = private citizens, LGUs, licensed professionals, legislators, county commissioners

Complaints → Inspections → Enforcement

40% are Quality of Work Issues = Referred to LGU

60% are license related = MPCA lead

Enforcement referrals

Steps to make a referral:

1. Contact the Regional SSTS staff assigned to your county (see map).
2. Discuss your evidence (see website).
3. If needed, develop and submit evidence to MPCA.
4. Participate in forum discussions, as needed.

SUMMARY

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- The regulated SSTS universe encompasses more than 2,500 licensed businesses and half a million septic systems statewide.
- Resources for enforcement of SSTS rules include over 200 LGUs and 4 MPCA positions.
- The state uses multiple administrative tools to enforce SSTS rules.
- In order to have a successful SSTS program and effective enforcement of SSTS rules, the state and LGUs need to cooperate with one another and promote enforcement partnerships.