



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Office of the Commissioner

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The Honorable Dennis Ozment
Chair, House Committee on the Environment
and Natural Resources Finance
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100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
St. Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Dallas Sams
Chair, Senate Committee on Environment, Agriculture
Development Budget Division
328 Capitol
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St. Paul, MN 55155

Re: Reporting Requirement in 2003 Minn. Laws ch. 128, § 156 subd. 2.

Dear Representative Ozment and Senator Sams:

This letter is to comply with the requirement in 2003 Minn. Laws ch. 128, § 156 subd. 2. that requires the Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to report to the Minnesota House and Senate Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committees on the status of discussions with stakeholders, and on the development of rules as required under subdivision 1 of this act.

The MPCA plans to carry out the required rulemaking as part of a revision of Minnesota water quality rules now underway. The requirements of this act will be included as part of a package of changes the MPCA plans to promulgate in about 10 to 12 months. The target date for completion of this rulemaking is July 2005. The deadline in the act for completion of the rulemaking is January 1, 2006.

Throughout the summer and fall of 2003 MPCA staff met individually with interested parties, including those listed below, to discuss plans for this rulemaking.

- Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
- Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities and the Minnesota Environmental Science and Economic Review Board
- Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy
- Metropolitan Council, Environmental Services
- Minnesota Departments of Health, Agriculture and Natural Resources

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A notice to solicit outside opinion was published in the *State Register* on November 10, 2003. The comment period ended on December 31, 2003, and seven parties provided comments. MPCA staff continues to entertain comments on the proposed changes and meet with stakeholders.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Sheryl A. Corrigan".

Sheryl A. Corrigan
Commissioner

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