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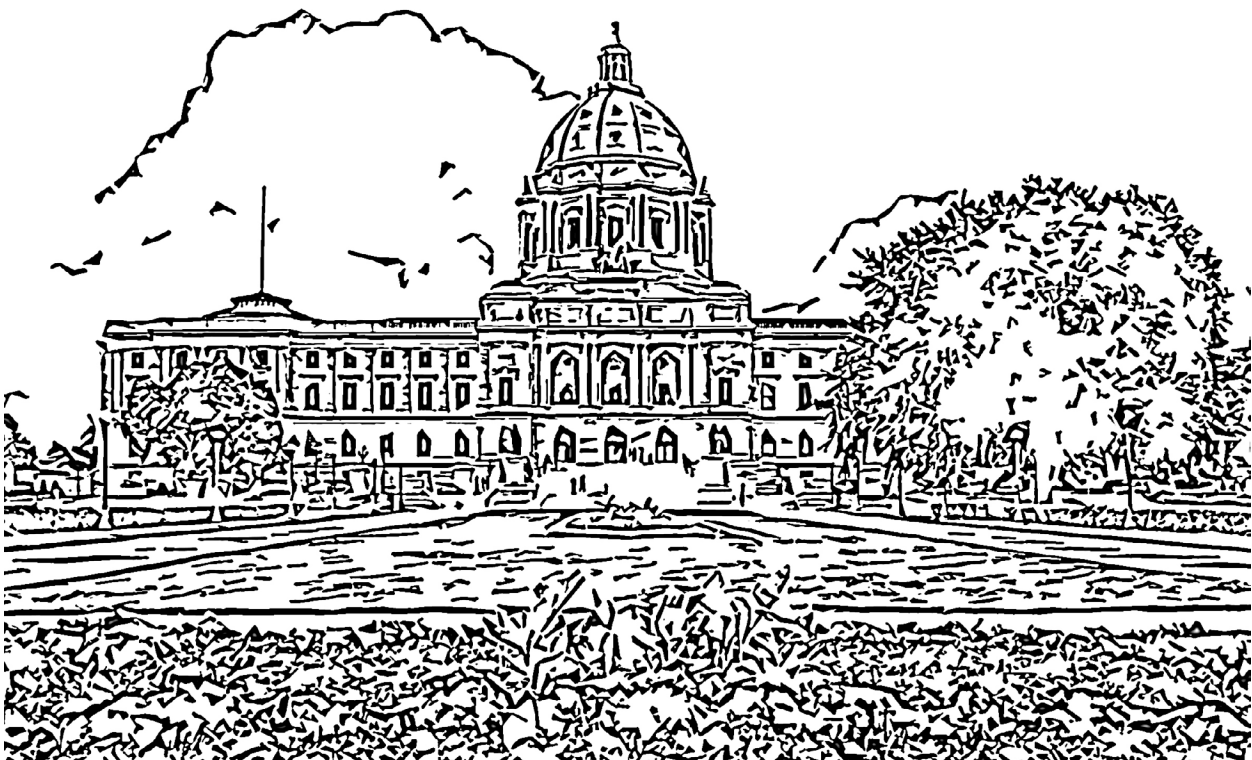
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NOTICE: How to Follow State Agency Rulemaking in the State Register

The State Register is the official source, and only complete listing, for all state agency rulemaking in its various stages. State agencies are required to publish notice of their rulemaking action in the State Register. Published every Monday, the State Register makes it easy to follow and participate in the important rulemaking process. Approximately 80 state agencies have the authority to issue rules. Each agency is assigned specific Minnesota Rule chapter numbers. Every odd-numbered year the Minnesota Rules are published. Supplements are published to update this set of rules. Generally speaking, proposed and adopted exempt rules do not appear in this set because of their short-term nature, but are published in the State Register.

An agency must first solicit Comments on Planned Rules or Comments on Planned Rule Amendments from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency (Minnesota Statutes §§ 14.101). It does this by publishing a notice in the State Register at least 60 days before publication of a notice to adopt or a notice of hearing, or within 60 days of the effective date of any new statutory grant of required rulemaking.

When rules are first drafted, state agencies publish them as Proposed Rules, along with a notice of hearing, or a notice of intent to adopt rules without a hearing in the case of noncontroversial rules. This notice asks for comment on the rules as proposed. Proposed emergency rules, and withdrawn proposed rules, are also published in the State Register. After proposed rules have gone through the comment period, and have been rewritten into their final form, they again appear in the State Register as Adopted Rules. These final adopted rules are not printed in their entirety, but only the changes made since their publication as Proposed Rules. To see the full rule, as adopted and in effect, a person simply needs two issues of the State Register, the issue the rule appeared in as proposed, and later as adopted.

The State Register features partial and cumulative listings of rules in this section on the following schedule: issues #1-26 inclusive (issue #26 cumulative for issues #1-26); issues #27-52 inclusive (issue #52, cumulative for issues #27-52 or #53 in some years). A subject matter index is updated weekly and is available upon request from the editor. For copies or subscriptions to the State Register, contact the editor at 651-201-3204 or email at sean.plemmons@state.mn.us

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Exempt Rules

Exempt rules are excluded from the normal rulemaking procedures (*Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.386 and 14.388). They are most often of two kinds. One kind is specifically exempted by the Legislature from rulemaking procedures, but approved for form by the Revisor of Statutes, reviewed for legality by the Office of Administrative Hearings, and then published in the State Register. These exempt rules are effective for two years only.

The second kind of exempt rule is one adopted where an agency for good cause finds that the rulemaking provisions of *Minnesota Statutes*, Chapter 14 are unnecessary, impracticable, or contrary to the public interest. This exemption can be used only where the rules:

- (1) address a serious and immediate threat to the public health, safety, or welfare, or
- (2) comply with a court order or a requirement in federal law in a manner that does not allow for compliance with *Minnesota Statutes* Sections 14.14-14.28, or
- (3) incorporate specific changes set forth in applicable statutes when no interpretation of law is required, or
- (4) make changes that do not alter the sense, meaning, or effect of the rules.

These exempt rules are also reviewed for form by the Revisor of Statutes, for legality by the Office of Administrative Hearings and then published in the *State Register*. In addition, the Office of Administrative Hearings must determine whether the agency has provided adequate justification for the use of this exemption. Rules adopted under clauses (1) or (2) above are effective for two years only. The Legislature may also exempt an agency from the normal rulemaking procedures and establish other procedural and substantive requirements unique to that exemption.

KEY: Proposed Rules - Underlining indicates additions to existing rule language. ~~Strikeouts~~ indicate deletions from existing rule language. If a proposed rule is totally new, it is designated "all new material."
Adopted Rules - Underlining indicates additions to proposed rule language. ~~Strikeout~~ indicates deletions from proposed rule language.

Department of Public Safety

Adopted Exempt Permanent Rules Relating to the Curriculum for Driver Education Programs

7411.0100 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subparts 1 to 26, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 27. **Vulnerable road user.** "Vulnerable road user" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 169.011, subdivision 92b.

Subp. 28. **Work zone.** "Work zone" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 169.011, subdivision 95.

7411.0250 AUTHORIZED PROGRAM OFFICIAL.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 1a. **Demonstrating financial enrollment.** For purposes of subpart 2, items B and C, a student must demonstrate current financial enrollment by paying at least one-third the cost of a program's entire laboratory portion.

[For text of subpart 2, see Minnesota Rules]

7411.0515 CURRICULUM FOR DRIVER EDUCATION PROGRAMS.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. **Classroom curriculum for class D motor vehicles.** The classroom curriculum ~~presented and delivered~~ provided to each student enrolled in a program ~~for to operate a class D motor vehicle operation~~ must include:

[For text of items A to C, see Minnesota Rules]

D. opportunity for the student to identify and analyze a variety of driving decisions about roadway characteristics and highway users, ~~including; but not limited to;~~ awareness of and the safe interaction with:

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(1) ~~bicycles, other nonmotorized vehicles, and pedestrians~~ vulnerable road users in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 171.0701, subdivision 1b; and

(2) ~~commercial motor vehicles, with instruction to include information about truck stopping distances, proper following distances, and identification of, and avoidance of driving in, truck blind spots~~ in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 171.0701, subdivision 1, paragraph (b);

[For text of items E to N, see Minnesota Rules]

O. ~~opportunity for the student to become informed about becoming an organ donor~~ instruction on organ and tissue donations in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 171.0701, subdivision 1, paragraph (a); and

P. ~~information~~ instruction on carbon monoxide poisoning, including but not limited to: in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 171.0701, subdivision 1, paragraph (c); and

(1) ~~a description of the characteristics of carbon monoxide;~~

(2) ~~a review of the risks and potential speed of death from carbon monoxide poisoning; and~~

(3) ~~specific suggestions regarding vehicle idling practices;~~

Q. instruction on work zone and road construction worker safety in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 171.0701, subdivision 1c, including information on:

(1) work zones that move continuously or intermittently; and

(2) the importance of buffer zones, closed lanes, and reduced speeds for protecting the safety of workers in a work zone.

Subp. 2a. **Concurrent classroom curriculum for class D motor vehicles.** The classroom curriculum ~~presented and delivered~~ provided to each student enrolled in the first 15 hours of a concurrent program ~~for to operate a class D motor vehicle operation~~ must include: the same curriculum required under subpart 2.

A. ~~information on how alcohol and other drugs affect a driver's ability to safely operate a motor vehicle, including:~~

(1) ~~information on how the consumption of alcohol and the use of other drugs physically impacts a person's ability to operate a motor vehicle;~~

(2) ~~the hazards of driving while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs; and~~

(3) ~~the legal penalties and financial consequences resulting from violations of laws prohibiting the operation of a motor vehicle while under the influence of alcohol or other drugs;~~

B. ~~an opportunity for the student to identify and analyze a variety of driving decisions involving roadway characteristics and highway users including, but not limited to, safe interaction with:~~

(1) ~~bicycles, other nonmotorized vehicles, and pedestrians; and~~

(2) ~~commercial motor vehicles, with instruction to include information about truck stopping distances, proper following distances, and identifying and avoiding driving in truck blind spots;~~

C. ~~an explanation of the content and purpose of motor vehicle and traffic laws and rules for safe driving performance;~~

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~~D. at least 30 minutes of instruction covering the duties of the driver when encountering a school bus, the content and requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 169.444, and the penalties for violating that section;~~

~~E. information pertaining to principles of safe operation of a motor vehicle at railroad-highway grade crossings; and~~

~~F. information on carbon monoxide poisoning, including but not limited to:~~

~~(1) a description of the characteristics of carbon monoxide;~~

~~(2) a review of the risks and potential speed of death from carbon monoxide poisoning; and~~

~~(3) specific suggestions regarding vehicle idling practices.~~

Subp. 2b. [See repealer.]

[For text of subpart 3, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 4. **Class A, B, or C motor vehicle curriculum.** The curriculum ~~presented~~ provided to each student ~~provided instruction enrolled in a program~~ to operate a class A, B, or C motor vehicle must:

A. specify the hours of instruction to be provided to the student;

B. describe the content of all classroom and laboratory instruction for all courses and individualized instruction; ~~and~~

C. specify the course fee or hourly rate for instruction; and

D. include the instruction required under Minnesota Statutes, section 171.0701.

Subp. 5. **Motorcycle classroom curriculum.** The classroom curriculum ~~presented for~~ provided to each student enrolled in a driver education program for a motorcycle endorsement must ~~meet the requirements in~~ comply with either item A or B.

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

B. The curriculum must address:

[For text of subitems (1) to (12), see Minnesota Rules]

(13) the duties of a driver when encountering a school bus; the content and requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 169.444; and the penalties for violating that statute section; and

(14) the principles of safe operation of vehicles at railroad-highway grade crossings; and

(15) the instruction required under Minnesota Statutes, section 171.0701.

[For text of subparts 6 and 7, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 8. **Supplemental parental curriculum.** A program must provide optional supplemental parental curriculum in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 171.0701, subdivision 1a. At least 90 minutes of the curriculum must include the information required under Minnesota Statutes, section 171.0701, subdivision 1a, paragraph (c), clause (3).

REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, part 7411.0515, subpart 2b, is repealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE. Minnesota Rules, part 7411.0515, subpart 2, item Q, is effective July 1, 2026. The remaining amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 7411.0100 to 7411.0515, and the repealer are effective upon publication in the State Register.

Expedited Rules

Provisions exist for the Commissioners of some state agencies to adopt expedited rules when conditions exist that do not allow the Commissioner to comply with the requirements for normal rules. The Commissioner must submit the rule to the attorney general for review and must publish a notice of adoption that includes a copy of the rule and the conditions. Expedited rules are effective upon publication in the State Register, and may be effective up to seven days before publication under certain conditions.

Expedited rules are effective for the period stated or up to 18 months. Specific *Minnesota Statute* citations accompanying these expedited rules detail the agency's rulemaking authority.

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Adopted Rules - Underlining indicates additions to proposed rule language. ~~Strikeout~~ indicates deletions from proposed rule language.

Board of Accountancy

Adopted Expedited Permanent Rules Governing Education and Experience Requirements for a Certificate and Requirements for Interstate Mobility

The rules proposed and published at State Register, Volume 50, Number 3, pages 53-57, July 21, 2025 (50 SR 53), are adopted as proposed.

Commissioner's Orders

Various agency commissioners are authorized to issue "commissioner's orders" on specified activities governed by their agency's enabling laws. See the *Minnesota Statutes* governing each agency to determine the specific applicable statutes. Commissioners' orders are approved by assistant attorneys general as to form and execution and published in the *State Register*. These commissioners orders are compiled in the year-end subject matter index for each volume of the *State Register*.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Commissioner's Order #1 ML 2026: Amend Lake Mille Lacs Yellow Perch Fishing Regulations

Date: January 29, 2026

Statutory authority: *Minnesota Statutes*, section 97C.005, subd. 3

Modifies the daily and possession restrictions for yellow perch on Lake Mille Lacs from Commissioner's Order #3 ML 2025 Mille Lacs Lake Winter Fishing Regulations as published on December 1, 2025 (50 SR 521) under authority in Minn. R. 6264.0400, subp. 4.D.

BACKGROUND

Each year a harvestable surplus is set for yellow perch in Lake Mille Lacs by a joint management process between the state and the eight Ojibwe Bands that are signatories to the Treaty of 1837. The harvestable surplus is the pounds of fish that can be taken safely from Lake Mille Lacs while ensuring enough remain in the lake to sustain a healthy population. The state's share of the harvestable surplus of yellow perch for the 2026 season was set at 36,500 pounds. The state previously set a daily and possession limit of ten yellow perch for state-licensed anglers on Lake Mille Lacs in Commissioner's Order #3 ML 2025 Mille Lacs Lake Winter Fishing Regulations (50 SR 521).

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As of January 18, 2026, harvest of yellow perch by state-licensed anglers on Lake Mille Lacs in the winter of 2025-26 was about 17,000 pounds. Yellow perch harvest patterns from past seasons along with creel survey data from 2026 indicate that under the current regulation the state will reach its share of the harvestable surplus before the end of February. To ensure the state's share remains within the harvestable surplus limits, the daily and possession limits for harvest of yellow perch by state-licensed anglers on Lake Mille Lacs is reduced from ten to five.

The state is modifying the yellow perch angling regulation pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 97C.005, subd. 3. Beginning at 12:00 a.m. on February 9, 2026, the yellow perch daily and possession limit on Lake Mille Lacs will be five. This regulation will remain effective until 11:59 p.m. on November 30, 2026.

For all other species, regulations set in the Commissioner's Order #3 ML 2025 Mille Lacs Lake Winter Fishing Regulations as published on December 1, 2025 (50 SR 521), or in the Expedited Emergency Rule adopted on April 28, 2025 (49 SR 1193), remain the same.

ORDER

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, pursuant to authority vested in me by law, including *Minnesota Statutes*, section 97C.005, subdivision 3, that, beginning at 12:00 a.m. on February 9, 2026, and continuing until 11:59 p.m. on November 30, 2026, while a person is on or fishing in Lake Mille Lacs or its associated tributaries to the posted boundaries, the daily and possession limit for yellow perch is five.

Fishing regulations for all other species on Lake Mille Lacs, including walleye, northern pike, largemouth and smallmouth bass, muskellunge, cisco, and panfish, are unaffected by this order.

Sarah Strommen, Commissioner

Date: January 29, 2026

AGENCY CONTACT. For additional information or to receive this document in an alternative format please contact: John Dunn, Division of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Rd, St. Paul, MN 55155, Phone: 651-259-5235, Email: john.dunn@state.mn.us.

Official Notices

Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.101, an agency must first solicit comments from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency by publishing a notice in the *State Register* at least 60 days before publication of a notice to adopt or a notice of hearing, and within 60 days of the effective date of any new statutory grant of required rulemaking.

The *State Register* also publishes other official notices of state agencies and non-state agencies, including notices of meetings and matters of public interest.

Minnesota Department of Administration

Notice of Minnesota Buy Clean Program Standards and Requirements to be Published on the Environmental Standards Procurement Task Force Website

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to agencies with authority to oversee Minnesota construction projects and stakeholders in the Minnesota construction industry of Minnesota Buy Clean Program Requirements, including greenhouse gas emissions standards for certain construction materials and disclosure of Environmental Product Declarations for eligible construction materials. Minnesota Statute, chapter 16b, section 16b.312, subdivision 2 gives the Commissioner of Administration authority to establish and publish a maximum acceptable global warming potential for each eligible material used in an eligible project.

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Effective January 15, 2026, maximum global warming potential standards for certain materials are established. **These global warming potential limits will apply to projects solicited on or after July 15, 2026.** Additional details and information on the material standards and program requirements will be published on the Minnesota Environmental Standards Procurement Task Force website at <https://mn.gov/admin/government/purchasing-contracting/buy-clean/>.

Minnesota Department of Agriculture Notice of Public Hearing on Proposed Termination of the Minnesota Area II Potato Research and Promotion Council

“The Minnesota Department of Agriculture has been notified that the Minnesota Area II Potato Research and Promotion Council intends to terminate its promotion order. A public hearing will be held in person, with a virtual option available for members of the public to ask questions, at 18438 Co Rd 14, Big Lake, MN 55309 on February 25, 2026, from 9:00am to 10:00am.

Following the hearing, the Council’s Board of Directors will vote on whether to terminate the Council at the end of its current marketing year, June 30, 2026.

For information on participating in the public hearing or for questions about the process, please contact the Minnesota Department of Agriculture at 651-201-6013.”

Department of Health Division of Health Regulation – Managed Care Systems Section Notice of Application for Essential Community Provider Status - Hennepin County dba Northpoint Health And Wellness Center

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an application for designation as an Essential Community Provider (ECP) has been submitted to the Commissioner of Health by **HENNEPIN COUNTY dba NORTHPOINT HEALTH AND WELLNESS CENTER**. Clinical services are offered at **2220 PLYMOUTH AVE N MINNEAPOLIS, MN 55411**.

An ECP is a health care provider that serves high-risk, special needs, and underserved individuals. In order to be designated as an ECP, a provider must demonstrate that it meets the requirements of *Minnesota Statutes* Section 62Q.19 and *Minnesota Rules* Chapter 4688. The public is allowed 30 days from the date of the publication of this notice to submit written comments on the application. The commissioner will approve or deny the application once the comment period and compliance review is complete.

For more information contact:

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Department of Labor and Industry Notice of Correction To Prevailing Wage Rates

The Commissioner of the Department of Labor & Industry (DLI) certified prevailing wage rates for commercial construction projects in all 87 counties on Monday, December 22, 2025. These rates were identified by annual survey of commercial construction projects in Minnesota collected by DLI.

This notice regards a correction to commercial wage rates. These corrections are for all public works contracts advertised for bid on or after this date.

- Commercial Roofer (Job Code 720) in counties Anoka, Carver, Chisago, Dakota, Goodhue, Hennepin, Isanti, McLeod, Ramsey, Scott, Sibley, Washington, and Wright.

The revised wage rate determinations and all other wage rate determinations are available online at: <https://dli.mn.gov/business/employment-practices/prevailing-wage-commercial-rates>

Questions regarding determinations may be directed to the following:

Division of Labor Standards
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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Notice of Intent to Solicit Comments and Reissue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)/State Disposal System (SDS) General Permit – MNG255000 Treated Non-contact Cooling Water (NCCW) General Permit

The authority to develop and issue a general permit is based on the 1979 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated revisions to the NPDES program regulations, which created a class of permits called general permits. General permits are issued under 40 C.F.R. § 122.28 and Minn. R. 7001.0210. NPDES general permits can be issued in EPA-delegated states if the approved state program includes general permit activities. The EPA approved the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) General Permit Program on December 15, 1987.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the MPCA intends to reissue a NPDES/SDS General Permit (General Permit) to cover facilities discharging chemically treated NCCW to waters of the state. The General Permit will be issued for a term of approximately five years. Subject to the restrictions of this General Permit and after receiving a written Notice of Coverage (NOC) from the MPCA, facilities meeting the description below are authorized to discharge pollutants as set out in the applicable sections of this General Permit. Comments should be submitted in writing in accordance with the provisions of this Notice.

NOTICE: All facilities covered under this General Permit are limited to the discharge of uncontaminated, once-through, treated (or municipal source water) non-contact cooling water (NCCW), not subject to regulation by federally promulgated effluent limitation guidelines. The only pollutants added to the waste stream are heat and water treatment additives consistent with a municipal potable water supply.

The limits and monitoring categories assigned to each facility covered under this General Permit vary depending on additives used, existing wasteload allocations (WLAs) and facility specific limits. Category details can be found in the draft Fact Sheet.

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This NPDES/SDS general permit establishes water quality-based effluent limitations for temperature, technology-based effluent limitations for pH, and provides for modifying individual coverage to incorporate wasteload allocations as they are authorized. The NPDES/SDS general permit includes monitoring and reporting requirements and general conditions consistent with those established for individual permits. Those facilities not currently under consideration for general permit coverage may submit a Notice of Intent to request consideration for coverage.

General permit coverage would only be authorized for facilities/waste streams which meet the following applicability criteria:

- a. The discharge consists solely of once-through, NCCW free from contact cooling, recycled cooling (including cooling tower blowdown), reverse osmosis reject, industrial process, and other wastewater discharges.
- b. The source of the cooling water is uncontaminated groundwater or surface water to which water treatment/chemical additives are used.
- c. If required, the appropriators have been issued a valid Water Appropriation Permit by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.
- d. Surface water appropriators are discharging the cooling water to the source of origin.
- e. This is not a new source discharge to an outstanding resource value waters or designated coldwater habitat waters as defined in *Minnesota Rules* ch. 7050.
- f. This is not a discharge entering waters of the United States in Indian country, as that term is defined in 18 U.S.C. 1151.
- g. Pollutant levels in the discharge shall not cause or contribute to a receiving water impairment. In the case of facilities discharging into waters listed as impaired, the individually unique discharge approval may include a wasteload allocation for the stressor pollutant in accordance with an approved or draft Total Maximum Daily Load study.
- h. Waste streams regulated by Effluent Limitation Guidelines (40 CFR pt. 405-499 subp. N) are ineligible for coverage under this general permit.
- i. Applicants requesting/pursuing alternative effluent limitations under Section 316(a) of the Clean Water Act (CWA) are ineligible for coverage under this general permit.
- j. New applicants subject to the cooling water intake structure requirements for new facilities under section 316(b) of the CWA (a maximum design intake withdrawal of greater than 5 percent of source water annual mean flow, a maximum design intake of more than two million gallons per day, and/or a maximum through-screen design intake velocity less than or equal to 0.5 feet per second) are ineligible for coverage under this general permit.
- k. At the MPCA's discretion, existing facilities with a maximum total design intake withdrawal of less than five percent of source water annual mean flow, a maximum design intake of less than two million gallons per day, and/or a maximum through-screen design intake velocity less than or equal to 0.5 feet per second may be considered for eligibility under the general permit.
- l. The discharge shall be consistent with the terms and conditions of this general permit.
- m. The Permittee agrees to furnish to the MPCA any information which the MPCA may request to determine compliance with the general permit or to determine if a facility, while meeting the criteria and intent of the general permit, might be more appropriately controlled by an individual permit.

Facilities that do not meet all of the specific requirements for this General Permit and facilities that fail or have failed to comply with a regulation, permit schedule, or compliance order issued by the MPCA are excluded from coverage under this General Permit. They will be required to apply for an individual NPDES/SDS permit.

The MPCA Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to issue this NPDES/SDS General Permit for a term of approximately five years. The preliminary determination to reissue this General Permit is tentative. Interested persons may submit written comments upon the draft permit. The public comment period begins on February 9, 2026, and ends on March 11, 2026. Comments, petitions, and other requests must be received at the MPCA in writing on or before the public comment period end date and U.S. Mail comments must be received by 4:30 p.m.

A copy of the draft general permit, fact sheet, and public notice are available on the MPCA's Public Notices webpage at: <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/public-comments>. The MPCA will mail or email a copy of the draft permit upon request.

Submitted comments or petitions must state the following information, pursuant to Minn. R. 7001.0110:

1. A statement of the person's interest in the permit application or the draft permit.
2. A statement of the action the person would like the MPCA to take, including specific references to sections in the draft permit.
3. Reasons supporting the person's position, stated with sufficient specificity as to allow the MPCA to investigate the merits of the person's position.

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2. By U.S. postal mail to the following addresses:

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
c/o Kameron Lindsey
520 Lafayette Road N
St. Paul, MN 55155-4194

If you have questions on this draft permit, the public notice or the Commissioner's preliminary determination, please contact Kameron Lindsey via telephone at 651-757-2736 or via email at kameron.lindsey@state.mn.us.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)

Notice of Intent to Solicit Comments and Reissue a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES)/State Disposal System (SDS) General Permit – MNG250000 Untreated Non-contact Cooling Water (NCCW) General Permit

The authority to develop and issue a general permit is based on the 1979 U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) promulgated revisions to the NPDES program regulations, which created a class of permits called general permits. General permits are issued under 40 C.F.R. § 122.28 and Minn. R. 7001.0210. NPDES general permits can be issued in EPA-delegated states if the approved state program includes general permit activities. The EPA approved the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) General Permit Program on December 15, 1987.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the MPCA intends to reissue a NPDES/SDS General Permit (General Permit) to cover facilities discharging non-chemically treated NCCW to waters of the state. The General Permit will be issued for a term of approximately five years. Subject to the restrictions of this General Permit and after receiving a written Notice of Coverage (NOC) from the MPCA, facilities meeting the description below are authorized to discharge pollutants as set out in the applicable sections of this General Permit. Comments should be submitted in writing in accordance with the provisions of this Notice.

NOTICE: All facilities covered under this General Permit are limited to the discharge of uncontaminated, untreated, once-through non-contact cooling water (NCCW), not subject to regulation by federally promulgated effluent limitation guidelines. The only pollutant added to the waste stream is heat.

The limits and monitoring categories assigned to each facility covered under this General Permit vary depending on existing wasteload allocations (WLAs) and facility specific limits. Category details can be found in the draft Fact Sheet.

This NPDES/SDS general permit establishes water quality-based effluent limitations for temperature, technology-based effluent limitations for pH, and provides for modifying individual coverage to incorporate wasteload allocations

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as they are authorized. The NPDES/SDS general permit includes monitoring and reporting requirements and general conditions consistent with those established for individual permits. Those facilities not currently under consideration for general permit coverage may submit a Notice of Intent to request consideration for coverage.

General permit coverage would only be authorized for facilities/waste streams which meet the following applicability criteria:

- a. The discharge consists solely of once-through, NCCW free from contact cooling, recycled cooling (including cooling tower blowdown), reverse osmosis reject, industrial process, and other wastewater discharges.
- b. The source of the cooling water is uncontaminated groundwater or surface water to which no water treatment/chemical additives are used.
- c. If required, the appropriators have been issued a valid Water Appropriation Permit by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.
- d. Surface water appropriators are discharging the cooling water to the source of origin.
- e. This is not a new source discharge to an outstanding resource value waters or designated coldwater habitat waters as defined in *Minnesota Rules* ch. 7050.
- f. This is not a discharge entering waters of the United States in Indian country, as that term is defined in 18 U.S.C. 1151.
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The MPCA Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to issue this NPDES/SDS General Permit for a term of approximately five years. The preliminary determination to reissue this General Permit is tentative. Interested persons may submit written comments upon the draft permit. The public comment period begins on February 9, 2026, and ends on March 11, 2026. Comments, petitions, and other requests must be received at the MPCA in writing on or before the public comment period end date and U.S. Mail comments must be received by 4:30 p.m.

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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)

Watershed Division

Notice of Modifications to Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) to Account for new regulated Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) Permits and Request for Comment

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has drafted a modification to the approved North Fork Crow River Watershed TMDL 2023 to account for Stormwater Wasteload Allocations (WLAs) for two new MS4s, and is requesting written comments during the public comment period:

- Public comment period begins: February 9, 2026
 - Public comment period ends: March 12, 2026
1. Comments may be submitted to the MPCA by the two methods below:
 2. Online at www.pca.state.mn.us/publiccomments

U.S. Mail to the following address:
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
c/o Anna Bosch
7678 College Rd, Ste 105
Baxter, MN 56425-8625

The draft modifications are available for review on the *MPCA's Public Notice Page*

State Grants & Loans

In addition to requests by state agencies for technical/professional services (published in the State Contracts Section), the *State Register* also publishes notices about grants and loans available through any agency or branch of state government. Although some grant and loan programs specifically require printing in a statewide publication such as the State Register, there is no requirement for publication in the *State Register* itself. Agencies are encouraged to publish grant and loan notices, and to provide financial estimates as well as sufficient time for interested parties to respond.

SEE ALSO: Office of Grants Management (OGM) at: <https://mn.gov/admin/citizen/grants/>

Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) Notice of Grant Opportunity

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED) places notice of any available grant opportunities online at <https://mn.gov/deed/about/contracts/open-rfp.jsp>

Minnesota Department of Human Services Notice of Grant Opportunities

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) places notice of any available grant opportunities on the DHS Grant Requests for Proposals website: *Open grants, RFPs and RFIs*.

Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs Request for Proposals for 2026-2028 Crisis Response Grant Program

The Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs (DPS-OJP) is requesting proposals to fund local law enforcement agencies and local governments to start, maintain, or expand crisis response teams in which social workers or mental health professionals serve as first responders when calls for service involve an individual in crisis. Funding may support a range of models including Crisis Intervention Teams (CIT), mobile crisis teams, co-responder models, alternative response teams (ART), and other social worker/mental health-led response approaches that improve safety, reduce unnecessary justice system involvement, and connect individuals to appropriate care. To view the RFP go to the OJP website: <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ojp/ojp-grants/funding-opportunities>

All applications must be submitted using the IGX web-based grants management system by 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2026. For more information contact Natty B. Hels at Natty.B.Hels@state.mn.us.

Department of Public Safety Office of Justice Programs Request for Proposals for 2026-2027 Pathway to Policing Grant Program

The Department of Public Safety, Office of Justice Programs (DPS-OJP) is requesting proposals for Pathway to Policing grants that recruit candidates with nontraditional backgrounds into law enforcement careers. Law enforcement agencies may apply for reimbursement grants for compensating and training Pathway to Policing participants who obtain state peace officer licensure.

Approximately \$720,000 in state funds are available for one-year grants. A 50% cash match is required. The program

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period will be June 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. Local units of government including cities, counties and tribal governments are eligible to apply. To view the RFP go to the OJP website: <https://dps.mn.gov/divisions/ojp/ojp-grants/funding-opportunities>

All applications must be submitted using the IGX web-based grants management system by 4:00 pm CST on Wednesday, March 18, 2026. For more information contact Kristin Lail at Kristin.lail@state.mn.us

State Contracts

Informal Solicitations: Informal solicitations for professional/technical (consultant) contracts valued at over \$5,000 through \$50,000, may either be published in the *State Register* or posted on the Department of Administration, Office of State Procurement (OSP) Website. Interested vendors are encouraged to monitor the P/T Contract Section of the OSP Website at <https://mn.gov/admin/osp> for informal solicitation announcements.

Formal Solicitations: Department of Administration procedures require that formal solicitations (announcements for contracts with an estimated value over \$50,000) for professional/technical contracts must be published in the *State Register*. Certain quasi-state agency and Minnesota State College and University institutions are exempt from these requirements.

Requirements: There are no statutes or rules requiring contracts to be advertised for any specific length of time, but the Office of State Procurement strongly recommends meeting the following requirements: \$0 - \$5000 does not need to be advertised; \$5,000 - \$25,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a period of at least seven calendar days; \$25,000 - \$50,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a period of at least 14 calendar days; and anything above \$50,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a minimum of at least 21 calendar days.

Contact the Office of State Procurement at: (651) 296-2600

Department of Administration

Real Estate and Construction Services

Notice of Request for Qualifications (RFQ) and Fee Schedule for Professional Services of Minnesota Registered Architects, Engineers, Interior Designers, Land Surveyors, Landscape Architects, Geoscientists, and Owners Representatives

The Department of Administration, Real Estate and Construction Services ("State"), requests qualifications of Minnesota registered architects, engineers, interior designers, land surveyors, geoscientists, and Owners Representatives ("Consultant") to assist the State in providing studies, predesigns, design through construction documents, construction administration, post construction services, interior design, land surveys, geosciences, and project related professional services through 2/27/2031. These projects will be varied in nature and scope and will involve new construction and remodeling, which includes but is not limited to buildings, commissioning, bridges, parking structures, site and utility work, roadways, and land development.

Unless otherwise provided in *Minnesota Statutes* § 16B.33, the following guidelines apply when using the Master Roster. State agency construction projects requiring a primary designer will have an estimated cost of construction of no greater than \$4,000,000.00; or a study, report, or predesign for a state agency planning project will have a consultant estimated fee no greater than \$400,000.00. Primary Designers for projects to construct, erect, or remodel a building with an estimated cost in excess of these amounts will be selected by the State Designer Selection Board in accordance with *Minnesota Statutes* § 16B.33.

The Request for Qualifications document may be found online at <https://mn.gov/admin/business/vendor-info/construction-projects/solicitations-announcements/>. Copies of the RFQ may also be requested from:

State Contracts

Master Roster Administrator
Real Estate and Construction Services
309 Administration Building, 50 Sherburne Avenue
St. Paul, MN 55155
recs.contracting@state.mn.us
(651) 201-2550

The Request for Qualifications and Fee Schedule will remain open continually to enable individuals and firms not on the Roster to submit their qualifications and fee schedules. One year after a completed response is added to the Master Roster, the firm may be asked whether it wants to remain on the roster. If the responder wants to continue to remain on the roster, it will be able to update its fee schedule and will be required to submit updated written documents. If no response is received by February 27, 2026, the responder's name will be removed from the Master Roster until such time as it has re-submitted a complete response to the RFQ.

The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest. The RFQ is not a guarantee of work and it does not obligate the State to award any contracts. The State reserves the right to discontinue the use or cancel all or any part of this Master Roster program if it is determined to be in its best interest. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (Minnesota State) Notice of Bid and Contracting Opportunities

Minnesota State advertises contract opportunities for goods and services on its Vendor and Supplier Opportunities website (<https://www.minnstate.edu/vendors/index.html>). New notices may be added daily and will remain posted for the duration specified in each individual notice. For questions or to report any issues viewing the information on the website, please email Minnesota State at *Sourcing@MinnState.edu*.

Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Engineering Services Division Notices Regarding Professional/Technical (P/T) Contracting

P/T Contracting Opportunities: MnDOT is now placing additional public notices for P/T contract opportunities on the MnDOT's Consultant Services website. New public notices may be added to the website on a daily basis and be available for the time period as indicated within the public notice.

Taxpayers' Transportation Accountability Act (TTAA) Notices: MnDOT is posting notices as required by the TTAA on the MnDOT Consultant Services website.

MnDOT's Prequalification Program: MnDOT maintains a Pre-Qualification Program in order to streamline the process of contracting for highway related P/T services. Program information, application requirements, application forms and contact information can be found on MnDOT's Consultant Services website. Applications may be submitted at any time for this Program.

MnDOT Consultant Services website: www.dot.state.mn.us/consult

If you have any questions regarding this notice, or are having problems viewing the information on the Consultant Services website, please email the Consultant Services Helpline at *ptconsultantserviceshelpline.dot@state.mn.us*.

