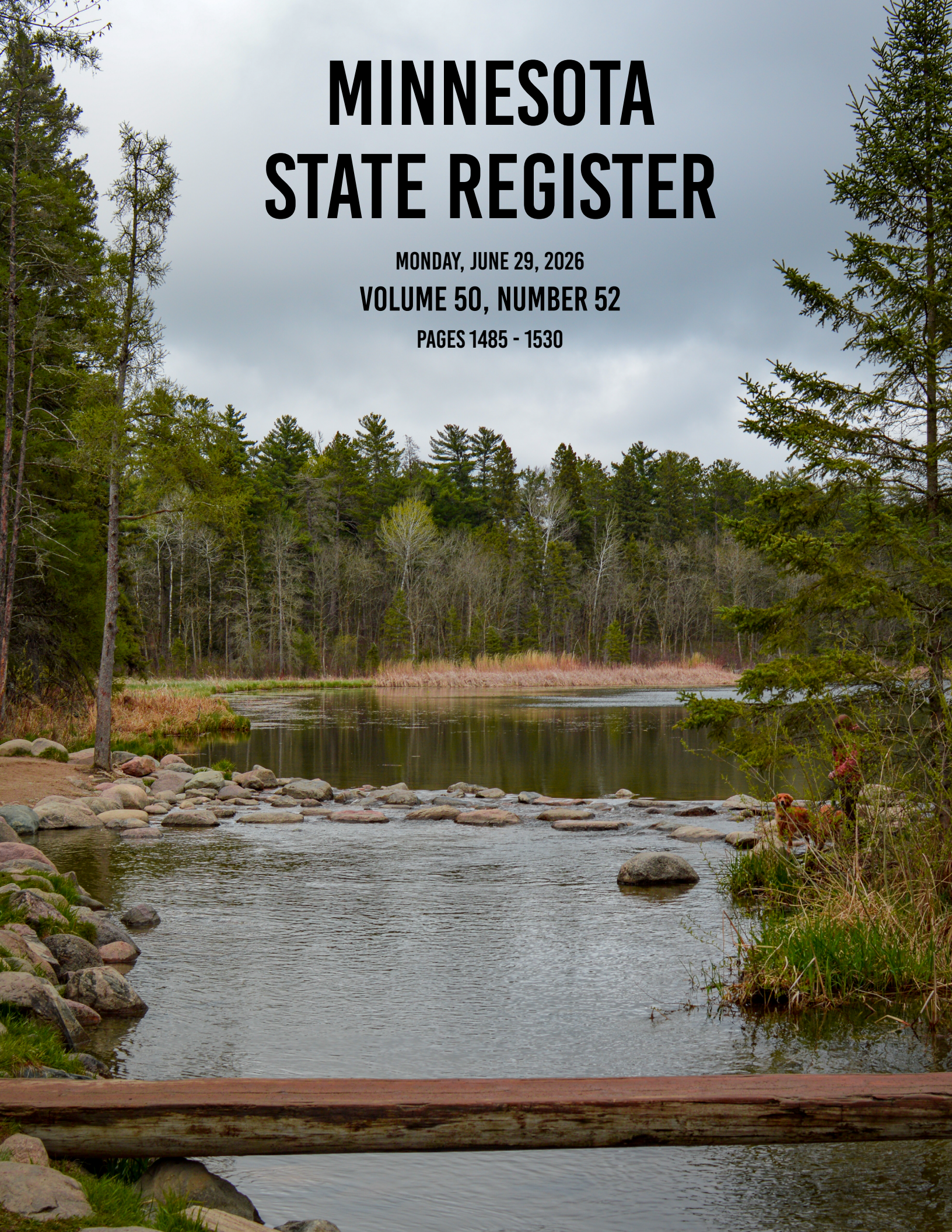


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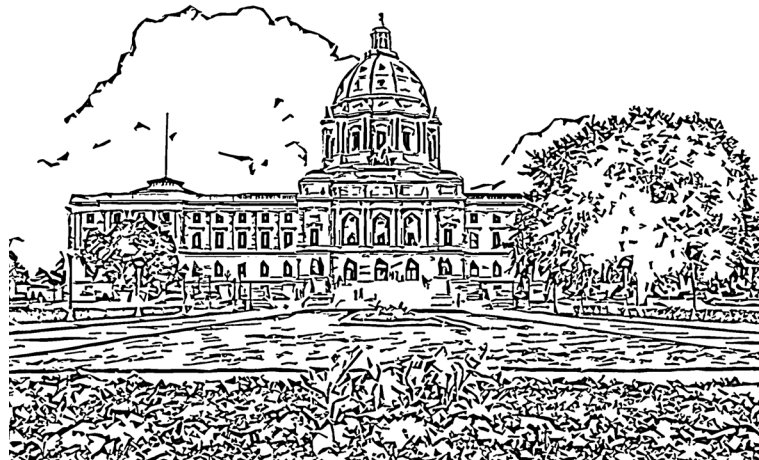
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When rules are first drafted, state agencies publish them as Proposed Rules, along with a notice of hearing, or a notice of intent to adopt rules without a hearing in the case of noncontroversial rules. This notice asks for comment on the rules as 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 Proposed emergency rules, and withdrawn proposed rules, are also published in the State Register.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.

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Rules to be Adopted After a Hearing. After receiving comments and deciding to hold a public hearing on the rule, an agency drafts its rule. It then publishes its rules with a notice of hearing. All persons wishing to make a statement must register at the hearing. Anyone who wishes to submit written comments may do so at the hearing, or within five working days of the close of the hearing. Administrative law judges may, during the hearing, extend the period for receiving comments up to 20 calendar days. For five business days after the submission period the agency and interested persons may respond to any new information submitted during the written submission period and the record then is closed. The administrative law judge prepares a report within 30 days, stating findings of fact, conclusions and recommendations. After receiving the report, the agency decides whether to adopt, withdraw or modify the proposed rule based on consideration of the comments made during the rule hearing procedure and the report of the administrative law judge. The agency must wait five days after receiving the report before taking any action.

Rules to be Adopted Without a Hearing. Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* § 14.22, an agency may propose to adopt, amend, suspend or repeal rules without first holding a public hearing. An agency must first solicit **Comments on Planned Rules** or **Comments on Planned Rule Amendments** from the public. The agency then publishes a notice of intent to adopt rules without a public hearing, together with the proposed rules, in the *State Register*. If, during the 30-day comment period, 25 or more persons submit to the agency a written request for a hearing of the proposed rules, the agency must proceed under the provisions of §§ 14.1414.20, which state that if an agency decides to hold a public hearing, it must publish a notice of intent in the *State Register*.

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.

Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine

Proposed Permanent Rules Relating to Licensed Veterinary Technicians DUAL NOTICE: Notice of Intent to Adopt Rules Without a Public Hearing Unless 25 or More Persons Request a Hearing, and Notice of Hearing if 25 or More Requests for Hearing Are Received

Proposed Amendments to Rules Governing the Licensing of Professional Veterinarians and Veterinary Technicians in Minnesota: Veterinarians’ Licensure and Practice, and Veterinary Technicians’ Licensure and Practice; Chapters 9100 and 9101. Revisor’s ID Number R-04899; CAH docket number 28-9066-41760

Introduction. The Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine intends to adopt rules without a public hearing following the procedures in the rules of the Court of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2300 to 1400.2310, and the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.22 to 14.28. You may submit written comments and/or a written request that a hearing be held on the proposed rules until **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2026**.

Hearing. If 25 or more persons submit a written request for a hearing on the rules by **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2026** the agency will hold a virtual public hearing on **Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 09:30 am**. You can participate in the virtual hearing, which will be conducted by an Administrative Law Judge from the Court of Administrative Hearings, via WebEx by using this link along with the associated access code and password:

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For a video and audio connection, join the hearing through an internet connection:

- Web link: ***Webex Meeting Link***
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To find out whether the agency will adopt the rules without a hearing or if it will hold the hearing, you should contact the agency contact person or check the agency website at ***Board of Veterinary Medicine / The Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine after July 29, 2026 and before August 12, 2026.***

Subject of Rules. Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine – Updated Rules for Licensed Veterinary Technicians (LVTs)

1. Minimum Standards of Practice

- Veterinarians must maintain complete written or electronic records including owner info, animal ID, dates, history, diagnosis, treatment plan, and prescribed medications.
- Veterinarians are legally responsible for all veterinary care performed by their LVT and unlicensed staff.
- A veterinarian must examine an animal before delegating tasks.
- Direct supervision requires physical proximity to observe and monitor delegated tasks.
- Supervising veterinarian or supervising LVT must be on-site while unlicensed staff perform healthcare tasks.
- Exceptions:
 - General nursing tasks for inpatients after hours
 - Emergency lifesaving aid when no veterinarian is available
- Under remote supervision, LVTs must identify themselves to clients and provide the supervising veterinarian's name.
- Veterinarians must provide informed consent before treatment, including treatment options, alternatives, and estimated costs.

2. Updated Definitions

- Supervising veterinarian: provides direct or remote supervision under statute.
- Supervising veterinary technician: oversees unlicensed employees providing patient care.
- Veterinary technician: an individual licensed under Minn. Stat. 156.077.
- VTNE and VTS definitions updated and standardized.

3. Licensure Requirements for Veterinary Technicians Application

- Application fee required for each submission.
- Criminal background check required; applicant must pay fee.

Education & Testing

- Must graduate from an AVMA/CVMA-accredited program OR obtain PAVE certification for non-accredited/international programs.
- Must pass:
 - Minnesota Veterinary Technician Jurisprudence Exam
 - VTNE (must ensure scores are transferred to Minnesota; retest required if scores cannot be transferred)

4. License Renewal Requirements

- License cycle: Biennial (July 1–June 30).
- Renewal deadline: July 1 of expiration year.
- Late renewal penalties apply; suspension occurs after 60 days overdue.
- Inactive license option available at half fee; may not practice or use protected titles.
- Conversion from inactive to full license requires CE documentation, good-standing verification, and fee differential.

5. Continuing Education (CE)

- 16 CE credits required every two years.
- At least 12 credits must come from approved structured learning (lectures, seminars, wet labs, online courses, presentations, or publications).
- Maximum of 4 credits from self-study.
- Maximum of 4 non-medical or practice-management credits.
- CE programs automatically approved if provided by AVMA, CVMA, state associations, NAVTA-recognized specialty academies, USDA, MN Board of Animal Health, AAVSB's RACE, and others listed.
- CE documentation must be retained for 4 years; must provide proof upon board request.
- CE extensions allowed for hardship (up to two consecutive six-month extensions).
- No banking or carrying forward CE hours.

6. Protected Titles & VTS Use

- Titles such as “veterinary technician,” “vet tech,” “LVT,” “VT,” “technician,” etc., are legally protected and limited to licensed veterinary technicians.
- Use of “veterinary nurse” or “vet nurse” is prohibited.
- VTS designation may only be used by those certified through NAVTA-approved specialty academies.

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7. Repealed Sections

- Minnesota Rules 9100.0400 subparts 1 & 3, 9100.0500, and 9100.0600 are repealed.

Statutory Authority. The Board of Veterinary Medicine's statutory authority to adopt the rules is set forth in Minnesota Statutes 156.01, 156.07, and 156.077.

Publication of proposed rules. A copy of the proposed rules is published in the *State Register*. The proposed rules may be viewed at: *Minnesota State Register / Minnesota.gov*

Statement of Need and Reasonableness. The statement of need and reasonableness (SONAR) contains a summary of the justification for the proposed rules, a description of who will be affected by the proposed rules, and an estimate of the probable cost of the proposed rules. You may review or obtain copies for the cost of reproduction by contacting the agency contact person. The SONAR may also be viewed at: *Minnesota State Register / Minnesota.gov*

Agency Contact Person. The agency contact person is Pam Johnson at Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine, 335 Randolph Ave Suite 215, St. Paul, MN 55102, 651-201-2844, pamela.johnson@state.mn.us. You may contact the agency contact person with questions about the rules.

Public Comment. You have until **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2026**, to submit written comment in support of or in opposition to the proposed rules or any part or subpart of the rules.

Your comment must be in writing and received by the due date. Your comments should identify the portion of the proposed rules addressed, the reason for the comment, and any change you propose. Any comments that you have about the legality of the proposed rules must be made during this comment period. All evidence that you present should relate to the proposed rules. If the proposed rules affect you in any way, the agency encourages you to participate. All comments or responses received are public data and will be available for review.

Submit written comments via the *Court of Administrative Hearings Rulemaking eComments website (<https://mn.gov/oah/forms-and-filing/ecomments/>)*, by U.S. Mail delivered to the Court of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, or by fax 651-539-0310].

All comments or responses received are public data and will be available for review on the Agency's website at *Board of Veterinary Medicine / The Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine*.

Request for a Hearing. In addition to submitting comments, you may also request that the agency hold a public hearing on the rules. You must make your request for a public hearing in writing by **4:30 p.m. on Wednesday, July 29, 2026**. You must include your name and address in your written request for hearing. You must identify the portion of the proposed rules that you object to or state that you oppose the entire set of rules. You are also encouraged to state the reason for the request and any changes you want made to the proposed rules. Any request that does not comply with these requirements is not valid and the agency cannot count it when determining whether it must hold a public hearing.

Withdrawal of Requests. If 25 or more persons submit a valid written request for a hearing, the agency will hold a public hearing unless a sufficient number of persons withdraw their requests in writing. If enough requests for hearing are withdrawn to reduce the number below 25, the agency must give written notice of this to all persons who requested a hearing, explain the actions the agency took to bring about the withdrawal, and ask for written comments on this action. If the agency is required to hold a public hearing, it will follow the procedures in *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20.

Cancellation of Hearing. The agency will cancel the hearing scheduled for August 12, 2026, if the agency does not receive requests for a hearing from 25 or more persons. If you requested a public hearing, the agency will notify you before the scheduled hearing whether the hearing will be held. You may also call the agency contact person at 651-201-2844 after July 29, 2026 to find out whether the hearing will be held. On the scheduled day, you may check for whether

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the hearing will be held by calling 651-201-2844 or going online at *Board of Veterinary Medicine / The Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine*.

Notice of Hearing. If 25 or more persons submit valid written requests for a public hearing on the rules, the agency will hold a hearing following the procedures in *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20. The agency will hold the hearing on the date and at the time and place listed above. The hearing will continue until 10:30 am or until all interested persons have been heard, whichever occurs first. Administrative Law Judge Joseph C. Meyer is assigned to conduct the hearing. Judge Meyer can be reached by contacting William Moore, Rules Coordinator, Court of Administrative Hearings, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620, telephone 651-361-7893, and william.t.moore@state.mn.us.

Hearing Procedure. If the agency holds a hearing, you and all interested or affected persons, including representatives of associations or other interested groups, will have an opportunity to participate. You may present your views orally at the hearing or in writing at any time before the hearing record closes. All evidence presented should relate to the proposed rules.

You may also submit written material to the Administrative Law Judge to be recorded in the hearing record for five working days after the public hearing ends. At the hearing, the Administrative Law Judge may order this five-day comment period extended for a longer period but for no more than 20 calendar days.

After the comment period, there is a five-working-day rebuttal period when the agency and any interested person may respond in writing to any new information submitted. No one may submit new evidence during the five-day rebuttal period.

The Court of Administrative Hearings must receive all comments and responses submitted to the Administrative Law Judge via the *Court of Administrative Hearings Rulemaking eComments website* (<https://mn.gov/oah/forms-and-filing/ecomments/>) no later than 4:30 p.m. on the due date. If using the eComments website is not possible, you may submit post-hearing comments in person or via United States mail addressed to Judge Meyer at the address listed above. All comments or responses received are public data and will be available for review on the eComments website.

This rule hearing procedure is governed by *Minnesota Rules*, parts 1400.2000 to 1400.2240, and *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20. You may direct questions about the procedure to the Administrative Law Judge, through William Moore, the CAH Rules Coordinator listed above.

Modifications. The agency may modify the proposed rules either as a result of public comment or as a result of the rule hearing process. It must support modifications by data and views submitted during the public comment and rule hearing process. The adopted rules may not be substantially different than these proposed rules unless the agency follows the procedure under *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.2110. If the final rules are identical to the rules originally published in the *State Register*, the agency will publish a notice of adoption in the *State Register*. If the final rules are different from the rules originally published in the *State Register*, the agency must publish a copy of the changes in the *State Register*.

Adoption Procedure if No Hearing. If no hearing is required, the agency may adopt the rules after the end of the comment period. The agency will submit the rules and supporting documents to the Court of Administrative Hearings for a legal review. You may ask to be notified of the date the rules are submitted to the office. If you want to receive notice of this, to receive a copy of the adopted rules, or to register with the agency to receive notice of future rule proceedings, submit your request to the agency contact person listed above.

Adoption Procedure after a Hearing. If a hearing is held, after the close of the hearing record, the Administrative Law Judge will issue a report on the proposed rules. You may ask to be notified of the date that the Administrative Law Judge's report will become available and can make this request at the hearing or in writing to the Administrative Law Judge. You may also ask to be notified of the date that the agency adopts the rules and the rules are filed with the Secretary of State, or register with the agency to receive notice of future rule proceedings by requesting this at the hearing or by writing to the agency contact person stated above.

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Lobbyist Registration. *Minnesota Statutes*, chapter 10A, requires each lobbyist to register with the State Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. You may direct questions about this requirement to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board at: Suite #190, Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, telephone (651) 539-1180 or 1-800-657-3889.

Alternative Format/Accommodation. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request or if you need an accommodation to make this hearing accessible, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

Order. I order that the rulemaking hearing be held at the date, time, and location listed above.

Date: June 17, 2026

Pamela Johnson, DVM, MPH
Executive Director

9100.0100 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Scope.** The definitions in this part apply to this chapter and chapter 9101.
[For text of subparts 1a and 1b, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 1c. **Continuing education or approved continuing education program.**

A. “Continuing education” means educational and training activities designed to contribute to the development and enhancement of skills and obligations associated with the professional practice of veterinary medicine and veterinary technology.

[For text of item B, see Minnesota Rules]
[For text of subparts 1d to 7, see Minnesota Rules]

9100.0800 MINIMUM STANDARDS OF PRACTICE.

[For text of subparts 1 to 3, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 4. **Record keeping.** Record keeping is governed by items A to F.

A. A veterinarian performing treatment or surgery on an animal or a group of animals, whether in the veterinarian’s custody at an animal treatment facility or remaining on the owner’s or caretaker’s premises, ~~shall~~ must prepare a written record or computer record concerning the animal or animals containing that contains, at a minimum, the following information:

- (1) the name, address, and telephone number of owner;
- (2) the identity of the animal or animals, including age, sex, and breed;
- (3) the dates of examination, treatment, and surgery;
- (4) a brief history of the condition of each animal, herd, or flock;
- (5) the veterinarian’s tentative diagnosis;
- (6) the veterinarian’s treatment plan; and
- (7) the veterinarian’s prescribed medication and treatment, including amount and frequency.

[For text of items B to F, see Minnesota Rules]
[For text of subparts 5 and 6, see Minnesota Rules]

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Subp. 7. **Supervision.** Supervision is governed by items A to C.

A. A licensed veterinarian is professionally and legally responsible for any practice of veterinary medicine by the veterinarian's employees who are licensed veterinary technicians and the veterinarian's unlicensed employees. An employee's practice of veterinary medicine without a license constitutes grounds for the board to take action against the licensed veterinarian employer and the unlicensed individual employee. A veterinarian must ~~have examined the examine~~ an animal patient prior to the delegation of before delegating an animal health care task to a ~~nonlicensed~~ licensed veterinary technician or an unlicensed employee. The examination must be conducted at a time consistent with prevailing standards of practice relative to the delegated animal health care task according to Minnesota Statutes, section 156.16, subdivision 12, paragraphs (a) to (d).

B. A veterinarian ~~shall~~ must not authorize a ~~nonlicensed~~ licensed veterinary technician or an unlicensed employee to perform the following functions:

[For text of subitems (1) to (3), see Minnesota Rules]

C. A veterinarian ~~shall~~ must ensure that the activities of a supervised individual are within the scope of the orders, assignment, or prescriptions of the veterinarian and within the capabilities of the individual. Direct supervision under Minnesota Statutes, section 156.001, subdivision 5a, by a veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician must involve the degree of close physical proximity necessary for the supervising veterinarian or licensed veterinary technician to observe and monitor the performance of a supervised individual. The A supervising veterinarian or supervising licensed veterinary technician must be on the client's premises or present in the veterinary facility while the a supervised individual unlicensed employee is performing health care services.

D. ~~This Item C~~ does not prohibit the performance of generalized nursing tasks, ordered by ~~the attending a~~ supervising veterinarian, to be performed by ~~an a~~ a licensed veterinary technician or an unlicensed employee on inpatient animals during the hours when a veterinarian is not routinely on the premises. ~~Nor does it prohibit,~~ Under emergency conditions, ~~wherein when~~ when an animal is placed in has a life-threatening condition and requires immediate treatment to sustain life or prevent further injury, item C does not prohibit a licensed veterinary technician or an unlicensed employee from rendering lifesaving aid and treatment to an the animal in the absence of a veterinarian.

E. When a licensed veterinary technician works under a veterinarian's remote supervision under Minnesota Statutes, section 156.001, subdivision 10b, the licensed veterinary technician must provide a client with identification, either orally or in writing, as a licensed veterinary technician working as an agent of the supervising veterinarian and must provide the name of the supervising veterinarian to the client.

[For text of subpart 8, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 9. **Informed consent.** Before providing treatment, a veterinarian must inform a client shall be informed by the veterinarian, prior to treatment, of the any treatment choices and reasonable medical or surgical alternatives, including an estimated cost of the alternatives for consideration by the client.

[For text of subparts 10 and 11, see Minnesota Rules]

9101.0100 DEFINITIONS.

Subpart 1. **Scope.** The terms used in this chapter have the meanings given in this part and, unless otherwise specified, part 9100.0100.

Subp. 2. **Supervising veterinarian.** "Supervising veterinarian" means a veterinarian providing direct supervision as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 156.001, subdivision 5a, or remote supervision as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 156.001, subdivision 10b, to a licensed veterinary technician or an unlicensed employee providing veterinary care to a patient.

Subp. 3. **Supervising veterinary technician.** "Supervising veterinary technician" means a licensed veterinary technician who is supervising an unlicensed employee while the unlicensed employee is providing veterinary care to a patient.

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Subp. 4. **Veterinary technician.** “Veterinary technician” means a person licensed by the board under Minnesota Statutes, section 156.077.

Subp. 5. **Veterinary technician national examination or VTNE.** “Veterinary technician national examination” or “VTNE” means the national board examination for veterinary technicians. The VTNE is administered by the American Association of Veterinary State Boards.

Subp. 6. **Veterinary technician specialist or VTS.** “Veterinary technician specialist” or “VTS” means a licensed veterinary technician who achieves and maintains certification from the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America according to part 9101.0500, item C.

9101.0200 APPLICATION, EDUCATION, AND EXAMINATION REQUIREMENTS FOR LICENSE TO PRACTICE VETERINARY TECHNOLOGY.

Subpart 1. Application requirements.

A. A person applying for a license to practice veterinary technology in Minnesota must pay an application fee to the board.

B. An applicant for a license to practice veterinary technology in Minnesota must pass a criminal background check. An applicant must pay a fee to the board for the applicant’s criminal background check.

C. An applicant must pay an application fee to the board for each submitted application. An applicant who applies more than once must submit a fee with each subsequent application.

Subp. 2. Education and examination requirements.

A. According to Minnesota Statutes, section 156.077, subdivision 2, a person applying for a license to practice veterinary technology in Minnesota must:

(1) be a graduate of a veterinary technology program that is accredited or approved by the American Veterinary Medical Association or Canadian Veterinary Medical Association; or

(2) have a certificate of satisfactory completion of the PAVE program according to item E.

B. According to Minnesota Statutes, section 156.077, subdivision 2, an applicant for a license to practice veterinary technology in Minnesota must pass the Minnesota Veterinary Technician Jurisprudence Examination. Before taking the examination, an applicant must pay the examination fee to the board.

C. According to Minnesota Statutes, section 156.077, subdivision 2, an applicant for a license to practice veterinary technology in Minnesota must pass the Veterinary Technician National Exam (VTNE). An applicant must register to take the VTNE and pay a fee through the American Association of Veterinary State Boards. To ensure that the Board of Veterinary Medicine receives the applicant’s exam results, an applicant must select Minnesota on the American Association of Veterinary State Boards VTNE application. If Minnesota is not selected as the jurisdiction on the VTNE application, an applicant must ensure that the applicant’s VTNE scores are transferred to the Board of Veterinary Medicine through the American Association of Veterinary State Boards.

D. If an applicant for a license to practice veterinary technology is unable to transfer the applicant’s VTNE scores to the Board of Veterinary Medicine from another jurisdiction, the applicant must retake the VTNE.

E. An applicant for a license to practice veterinary technology who is a graduate of an international veterinary technology program, a nonaccredited veterinary technology program or another nonaccredited program, a veterinary nursing program, or a veterinarian program must obtain certification through the Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence (PAVE). A PAVE for Veterinary Technicians Certificate of Completion meets the education requirement for an applicant’s eligibility to take the VTNE.

9101.0300 LICENSES AND LICENSE RENEWAL.

Subpart 1. **License period; fee.** According to Minnesota Statutes, section 156.077, subdivision 3, an applicant for a

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license to practice veterinary technology or license renewal must pay an initial license fee or a license renewal fee to the Board of Veterinary Medicine. The biennial license period begins July 1 of the year when the application is received by the board and ends two years later on June 30. A license issued after the beginning of a biennial license period is valid only until the end of that biennial license period.

Subp. 2. Payment of license fees and renewal fees.

A. An applicant for a license to practice veterinary technology must pay the initial license fee to the board on or before July 1 in the first year of the biennial license period.

B. A licensee must pay a renewal fee to the board on or before July 1 in the year that the license expires.

C. By May 1 in the year that the renewal fee is due, the board must send a renewal application to each licensee's email address on file with the board.

D. A licensee's failure to receive an application does not relieve the licensee of the obligation to pay the renewal fee on or before the renewal date of July 1.

Subp. 3. Renewal due date. A licensee must apply to renew a license on or before July 1 in the year that the license expires. A renewed license is valid in the year when the renewal application is received by the board from July 1 until June 30 two years later in the biennial license period.

Subp. 4. Late renewal penalty fee. An applicant for license renewal must pay a late renewal penalty fee in addition to the renewal fee if the board receives the renewal application after July 1 of the year that the license expires. A license renewal issued after the beginning of a biennial license period is valid only until the end of that biennial license period, regardless of when the board receives the renewal fee.

Subp. 5. Reinstatement fee. An applicant for license renewal whose license has previously been suspended by the board for nonrenewal must pay a reinstatement fee in addition to the renewal fee and the late renewal penalty fee.

Subp. 6. Late renewal penalty fees. Within 30 days after the renewal date, the board must notify a licensee who has not renewed their license by sending a letter to the licensee's last known address on file with the board. The notice must state that the renewal is overdue and that the licensee's failure to pay the renewal fee and late renewal penalty fee within 60 days after the renewal date will result in suspension of the license. At least seven days before a board meeting occurring 60 days or more after the renewal date, the board must send a second notice by registered or certified mail to a licensee who has not paid the renewal fee and late renewal penalty fee.

Subp. 7. Suspension. The board, by means of a roll call vote, must suspend the license of a licensee whose license renewal is at least 60 days overdue and to whom notification has been sent according to subpart 6. A licensee's failure to receive notification is not grounds for the challenge of the suspension by the former licensee. The board must notify the former licensee by registered or certified letter within seven days of suspending the former licensee's license. The board must only remove the suspended status of a license if the former licensee pays the renewal fee and late renewal penalty fee for each license period or part of a period that the license was not renewed. A former licensee who fails to renew a license for five years or more must reapply for a license and meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 156.071, for the board to reinstate their license.

Subp. 8. Inactive license.

A. A person holding a current unrestricted license to practice veterinary technology in Minnesota may, at the time of the person's next license renewal date, renew the license as an inactive license at one-half the renewal fee of an unrestricted license.

B. A person holding a current inactive license to practice veterinary technology may renew the inactive license by paying one-half the regular license renewal fee. A person holding an inactive license must not practice veterinary technology in Minnesota, must not use the protected titles and designations under part 9101.0500, and remains under the disciplinary authority of the board.

C. A person holding a current inactive license may convert the inactive license to an unrestricted license by submitting an application and application fee to and receiving approval by the board. The application must include:

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(1) documentation of licensure in good standing and that the person meets the continuing education requirements of the licensing state or documentation that the person meets Minnesota continuing education requirements retroactively from the date that the license became inactive;

(2) certification by the applicant that the applicant is not currently under any disciplinary order or investigation for acts that could result in disciplinary action in any other jurisdiction; and

(3) payment of a fee equal to the difference between an inactive and an unrestricted license if converting during the first year of the biennial license period or payment of a fee equal to one-half the difference between an inactive and an unrestricted license if converting during the second year of the license period.

D. The deadline for renewal of an inactive license is July 1 in the first year of the biennial license period. An applicant must pay a late renewal penalty fee if the board receives the application or fee after July 1.

Subp. 9. **Duplicate license.** A person requesting issuance of a duplicate or replacement license must pay a fee to the board.

9101.0400 CONTINUING EDUCATION.

Subpart 1. **Continuing education required.** A veterinary technician who transfers certification from the Minnesota Veterinary Medical Association in 2026 must attest on the veterinary technician's license application that the veterinary technician has completed at least five continuing education credit hours for each year since the veterinary technician's previous certification renewal. The board must not issue a license renewal to a veterinary technician under Minnesota Statutes, section 156.07, until the veterinary technician certifies to the board that the veterinary technician has completed at least 16 hours of approved continuing education during the previous two years.

Subp. 2. **Purpose.** The primary purpose of continuing veterinary technician education is to ensure that patients receive the optimal quality of veterinary care by requiring veterinary technicians to attend educational or training programs designed to advance their professional skills, knowledge, and obligations.

Subp. 3. Approved continuing education programs.

A. The board must automatically approve courses, seminars, wet labs, and lectures sponsored by:

- (1) the American Veterinary Medical Association or Canadian Veterinary Medical Association;
- (2) state or regional veterinary medical associations or veterinary technician associations;
- (3) specialty boards recognized by the American Veterinary Medical Association;
- (4) specialty academies recognized by the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America;
- (5) international veterinary medical organizations approved by the board according to item C;
- (6) the United States Animal Health Association;
- (7) training programs of the United States Department of Agriculture;
- (8) the Minnesota Board of Animal Health;
- (9) the American Animal Hospital Association; or

(10) course sponsors that offer content approved by the Registry of Approved Continuing Education of the American Association of Veterinary State Boards.

B. A course sponsor not automatically approved in item A must apply to the board for course approval at least 90 days before the anticipated presentation date. A person must submit an application for approval of a continuing education program on a form provided by the board that contains the following information:

- (1) the name and address of the organization sponsoring the course for which approval is requested;

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(2) a detailed description of the course content, including a time schedule for the course;

(3) the name and credentials of each person giving a presentation;

(4) the method of monitoring and certifying attendance; and

(5) the date and location, including the name and address of the facility where the course will be held or, if the course will be held online, the date of the online course.

C. The board must use the following criteria to determine approval of a continuing education program:

(1) the course must have intellectual or practical content directly related to the practice of veterinary medicine or veterinary technology, to the professional responsibility or ethical and legal obligations of veterinarians or veterinary technicians, or to management concepts;

(2) a presenter must be qualified based on practical or academic experience to teach the subject of the course;

(3) the course must be conducted in a suitable setting conducive to the learning process; and

(4) except for limitations due to space availability, instructor-to-pupil ratio, or academic or experience prerequisites, a course must be open to all licensed veterinary technicians.

D. Within 30 days of attending a course that was not preapproved by the board, a licensee may apply to the board for credit by completing and submitting an individual continuing education course approval form. The board must use the criteria under item C to determine whether credit will be granted. The board's decision under this subpart is final.

E. The board must not approve a course that is not directly related to the practice of veterinary medicine or veterinary technology.

F. In an advertisement for a course that was approved by the board, a course sponsor must state the following: "This course has been approved by the Minnesota Board of Veterinary Medicine for [insert appropriate number] continuing education credits and categorized as either Medical or Non-Medical."

G. A course sponsor must maintain records of attendance for a minimum of three years and must verify individual attendance to the board upon request.

Subp. 4. License renewal requirements.

A. A licensee must obtain 16 approved continuing education credits in the two years immediately preceding the deadline for license renewal.

B. A licensee must obtain at least 12 of the 16 required continuing education credits from approved lectures, seminars, wet labs, or online courses, or by authoring an article, contributing to a textbook, or presenting on a continuing education topic.

C. The board must not grant a licensee more than four continuing education credits from self-study sources.

D. The board must not grant a licensee more than four continuing education credits focused on practice management or other nonmedical or nonscientific content.

Subp. 5. Credit determination.

A. The board must grant a licensee one hour of continuing education credit for each period of not less than 50 minutes of attendance at an approved continuing education program. The board must grant a licensee credit for attendance at a combined scientific, business, and social convention only for the actual number of hours that a licensee spent participating in a continuing education program.

B. The board must grant a licensee up to four hours of continuing education credit on a onetime basis for a presentation on a topic related to veterinary medicine before a professional veterinary or veterinary technician audience.

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The board must grant a licensee two hours of credit for each hour of a presentation, up to a maximum total of four credit hours.

C. The board must grant a licensee up to ten credits of author credit for publishing an article on a topic related to veterinary medicine in a peer-reviewed journal or contributing to a textbook.

Subp. 6. **Extension of deadline for continuing education credits.** For good cause, a licensee may apply to the board for a six-month extension of the deadline for obtaining the required number of continuing education credits. The board must not grant more than two consecutive extensions to a licensee under this subpart. The board must grant an extension to a licensee for unforeseen hardships, such as an illness, a family emergency, or an obligation to serve in the military.

Subp. 7. **Certification procedure.**

A. At the time of license renewal, the board must provide each licensee with a form upon which the licensee must attest to having obtained the required number of continuing education hours for the two-year period preceding the license renewal date or the licensee's qualification for an extension of the deadline for obtaining continuing education credits under subpart 6.

B. A licensee is responsible for retaining documentation of the licensee's continuing education attendance for a minimum of four years. Upon the board's request, a licensee must submit additional evidence to the board to verify the licensee's compliance with continuing education requirements. Within 30 days of the board's request, whether as part of a routine audit or as part of an individual complaint investigation, a licensee must provide proof to the board that the licensee has obtained the required number of continuing education hours established by the board or that the licensee qualifies for an extension under subpart 6. A licensee must provide proof to the board in the format prescribed by the board. A licensee must submit proof in the form of attendance certificates, diplomas, or class rosters accompanied by a course program. The board has the final authority to determine the acceptability of specific continuing education documentation or grant an extension under subpart 6.

C. A licensee must not bank or carry forward continuing education credit hours into the next licensing period.

D. In addition to the general continuing education requirements for relicensure, a licensee must take additional continuing education courses required by the board when, in the course of a disciplinary proceeding, the board determines that remedial education on a specific topic is necessary.

Subp. 8. **Reinstatement of expired license.** A person seeking to reinstate an expired license under Minnesota Statutes, section 156.071, must furnish proof that the person meets continuing education requirements of the current licensing state and that those requirements are equal to Minnesota requirements or must otherwise provide documentation to the board that the person has met Minnesota continuing education requirements each year that the license was expired, up to a maximum of five years.

9101.0500 PROTECTED TITLES AND DESIGNATIONS.

A. Terms used interchangeably with veterinary technician, including vet tech, VT, LVT, technician, and tech, are protected titles according to Minnesota Statutes, section 156.077, and are limited to use by licensed veterinary technicians in Minnesota.

B. A veterinary technician must not use the title veterinary nurse or vet nurse according to Minnesota Statutes, section 148.171.

C. A veterinary technician may use the VTS designation only if the veterinary technician is certified as a specialist in a specialty academy affiliated with the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America (NAVTA). A veterinary technician may not use the term "specialist" or "VTS" unless they have achieved and maintained certification from an approved specialty academy of the NAVTA Committee on Veterinary Technician Specialties (CVTS). A veterinary technician using the VTS designation must identify the veterinary technician's specialty according to "NAVTA CVTS Policies and Procedures" (revised December 6, 2024), which is incorporated by reference, subject to frequent change, and available on the NAVTA website.

REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, parts 9100.0400, subparts 1 and 3; 9100.0500; and 9100.0600, are repealed.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)

Proposed Repeal of Obsolete Rules on Clean Cars; Notice of Intent to Repeal Obsolete Rules

Proposed Repeal of Obsolete Rules Relating to Clean Cars Minnesota, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 7023.0150, 7023.0200, 7023.0250, and 7023.0300; Revisor's ID Number R-04990; CAH Docket Number 25-9003-41517

Introduction. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) intends to repeal obsolete rules relating to Clean Cars Minnesota (CCM) under the rulemaking process in the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, section 14.3895. The MPCA identified *Minnesota Rules*, parts 7023.0150, 7023.0200, 7023.0250, and 7023.0300 as obsolete in the agency's annual obsolete rules report submitted to legislature in December 2025.

The CCM Rule, Minn. R. Pts. 7023.0150-7023.0300 will be obsolete after reporting is complete for model year (MY) 2025. The Zero Emission Vehicle (ZEV) Standards and the criteria pollutant Low Emission Vehicle (LEV) Standards for light-duty vehicles both only apply to vehicles delivered for sale in Minnesota through MY 2025. Manufacturers ceased making MY 2025 vehicles before January 1, 2026, which makes the CCM rule obsolete for those two requirements. The greenhouse gas (GHG) LEV Standards do not end after MY 2025; however, under the federal Clean Air Act (CAA), states must either rely on federal vehicle emissions standards or adopt standards identical to California. MPCA therefore cannot enforce just the GHG emissions standards portion of CCM alone.

You may submit written comments on the proposed repeal of obsolete rules until **4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 28th, 2026**.

Subject of Rules. Under the CAA, the federal government has the primary responsibility for setting standards for new vehicle air pollution emissions. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sets default vehicle emissions standards for the country. The CAA, however, creates a regulatory structure for states to adopt vehicle emissions standards under certain circumstances. Although section 209(a) of the CAA prohibits states from adopting their own emission standards for new motor vehicles, section 209(b) contains one exception. That exception allows one state – California – to adopt its own, more stringent emissions standards for new motor vehicles if it receives a waiver from the EPA. CAA section 177 then allows other states to choose to adopt these California standards. States that adopt California standards under section 177 of the CAA are often collectively referred to as “section 177 states.” The CAA requires that standards adopted by section 177 states must be identical to California's.

The MPCA adopted the CCM rules on July 26, 2021, by incorporating by reference, as amended, the California LEV and ZEV standards in effect at the time (California Code of Regulations, title 13, sections 1961.2, 1961.3, and 1962.2). At the time, the California criteria pollutant LEV standards were for 2015 and subsequent model years, GHG LEV standards were for 2017 and subsequent model years, and ZEV standards were for 2018 and subsequent model years. Collectively these standards are called Advanced Clean Cars I (ACCI). However, on August 25, 2022, California adopted new LEV standards for criteria pollutants and new ZEV standards starting in MY 2026 (California Code of Regulations, title 13, sections 1961.4 and 1962.4), called Advanced Clean Cars II (ACCII). As part of the ACCII rulemaking, California updated the standards MPCA had adopted by reference as part of the CCM rulemaking (California Code of Regulations, title 13, sections 1961.2 and 1962.2) to end after MY 2025. This effectively cut off the criteria pollutant LEV and ZEV rules adopted by MPCA as of MY 2025. To maintain the same vehicle emissions standards as California, the MPCA would need to adopt the ACCII standards, which it has not.

The GHG LEV rules were not modified and do continue into subsequent model years. However, CAA section 177 requires vehicle emissions standards adopted by states to be identical to California's standards. California does not have a GHG-only program. Thus, MPCA may not enforce GHG standards alone, making the GHG emissions standards in Minnesota's regulations obsolete as well.

The CCM rule also includes provisions that are specific to medium-duty vehicles, which were adopted as part of a package with the light-duty vehicle requirements. The medium-duty regulations in California Code of Regulations, title 13, section 1961.2, as incorporated by reference and as amended, remain in place through MY 2028. However,

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the federal medium-duty vehicle standards that are in place for these years are already as stringent as the medium-duty standards incorporated in CCM, thus rendering any impact of the state rule obsolete.

On June 12, 2025, the federal government purported to disapprove California's waiver to implement ACCII. California and section 177 states are challenging this action in court. California subsequently adopted an emergency rulemaking clarifying applicable vehicle emissions standards for California, giving manufacturers the choice of following ACCI or ACCII until a court of competent jurisdiction rules on the matter. Since MPCA has not adopted the ACCII standards, this emergency rulemaking does not impact the standards applicable in Minnesota.

7023.0150 Scope and Incorporation by Reference.

This rule language is obsolete after reporting for MY 2025 is complete. Reporting for MY 2025 was due May 1, 2026. The following rule parts incorporated by reference as amended terminate at the end of model year 2025: California Code of Regulations, title 13, sections 1961.2, exhaust emission standards and test procedures for 2015 through 2025 model year passenger cars and light-duty trucks, and 1962.2, zero-emission vehicle standards for 2018 through 2025 model year passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty vehicles.

The following rule parts are obsolete because they provide detail to the implementation of the standards in 1961.2 and 1962.2 that became obsolete after MY 2025: California Code of Regulations, title 13, sections 1962.3, 1965, 1968.2, 1976, 1978, 2035, 2037 to 2041, 2046, 2062, 2109, 2111 to 2121, 2122 to 2135, 2139, and 2141 to 2149.

The GHG LEV standards in 1961.3 do not end after MY 2025. However, Section 177 of the CAA allows states to adopt vehicle emissions standards only if they are "identical to the California standards for which a waiver has been granted for such model year." Section 177 also specifies states cannot "create, or have the effect of creating, a motor vehicle or motor vehicle engine different than a motor vehicle or engine certified in California under California standards (a 'third vehicle') or otherwise create such a 'third vehicle.'" Having only GHG LEV standards applicable in Minnesota would make Minnesota's rules no longer identical to California's. The CAA requirement that an adopting state's rules be identical to California's means that MPCA cannot enforce the GHG LEV standards in section 1961.3 alone. Thus, the GHG LEV standards are obsolete.

The medium-duty vehicle standards in California Code of Regulations, title 13, 1961.2 continue through MY 2028. However, the federal regulations for medium-duty vehicles are as stringent as 1961.2, rendering the impact of this rule part obsolete.

7023.0200 Definitions.

This rule part defines 15 relevant terms and phrases for rule parts 7023.0150, 7023.0200, 7023.0250, and 7023.0300. These terms are used to clarify the meaning of the standards adopted by reference in 7023.0150. These terms no longer need to be defined in rule because the incorporations by reference in 7023.0150 are obsolete.

7023.0250 Low-Emission Vehicle Standards.

This rule language provides detail to the implementation of the standards adopted by reference in 7023.0150. These rule parts are no longer needed because the standards adopted by reference in 7023.0150 are obsolete.

7023.0300 Zero-Emission Vehicle Standards.

This rule language provides detail to the implementation of the standards adopted by reference in 7023.0150. These rule parts are no longer needed because the standards adopted by reference in 7023.0150 are obsolete.

Overall effect of repealing these rule parts

The CCM rules were applicable through MY 2025. Reporting was due for MY 2025 as of May 1, 2026. Once reported data is finalized for MY 2025, there are no further obligations to regulated parties under these rules; thus, the rules are obsolete and have no enforceability. Repealing the rules would have no impact, as they are not enforceable after MY 2025. Repealing the rules will also clarify for vehicle manufacturers that the CCM rules are no longer in effect in Minnesota after reporting for MY 2025.

Statutory Authority. The agency identified the proposed obsolete rules to be repealed in its annual obsolete rules

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report under Minnesota Statutes section 14.05, subdivision 5. The statutory authority to repeal the obsolete rules is found in Minnesota Statutes, section 14.3895. The initial statutory authority under which these rules were created is found in Minnesota Statutes, section 116.07, which gives the Commissioner of the MPCA the authority to make rules to regulate sources of air pollution.

Publication of Proposed Rules. A copy of the proposed obsolete rules to be repealed is published with this Notice in the *State Register*. The proposed obsolete rules to be repealed may also be viewed electronically on the MPCA's rulemaking webpage at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/proposed-rules>. To obtain a paper copy of the proposed obsolete rules to be repealed, contact the MPCA Contact Person listed below.

MPCA Contact Person. The agency contact person is Taylor Traufler at Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 55155, 651-757-2828, or taylor.traufler@state.mn.us. You may also call the MPCA at 651-296-6300 or 1-800-657-3864; use your preferred relay service. **Please note that comments must be submitted according to the instructions in the Public Comment section of this Notice; the MPCA cannot take rulemaking comments by phone or email.**

Public Comment. You have until **4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 28th, 2026**, to submit written comment in support of or in opposition to the proposed repeal of obsolete rules and any part or subpart of the repeal. Your comment must be in writing and received by the Court of Administrative Hearings (CAH) by the due date. Your comment should identify the portion of the proposed obsolete rules to be repealed addressed and the reason for the comment. In addition, you may object to the repeal of any part or subpart. You must also make any comments that you have on the legality of the proposed rules during this comment period. If the proposed repeal of obsolete rules affects you in any way, the agency encourages you to participate in the rulemaking process.

Submit written comments via:

- The Court of Administrative Hearings eComments portal (<https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com>);
- U.S. Mail delivered to the Court of Administrative Hearings attn: William Moore, 600 North Robert Street, P.O. Box 64620, Saint Paul, Minnesota 55164-0620; or
- Fax (651) 539-0310.

You may view frequently asked questions about the CAH Rulemaking eComments website at https://mn.gov/oah/assets/ecomments-faq_tcm19-82012.pdf. Any questions about submitting comments via the eComments website should be directed to William Moore at the CAH at 651-361-7900 or by email at william.t.moore@state.mn.us; **please note that you may not submit rulemaking comments by phone or email.**

All comments or responses received are public data and will be available for review at the CAH Rulemaking eComments website at <https://minnesotaoah.granicusideas.com/discussions>, and at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/proposed-rules> as soon as Agency staff can update it.

Request for Hearing. In addition to submitting comments, you may also request that the agency hold a public hearing on the rules. You must make your request for a public hearing in writing by **4:30 p.m. on Friday, August 28th, 2026**. You must include your name and address in your written request for hearing. You must identify the portion of the proposed repealed rules that you object to or state that you oppose the entire set of rules. You are also encouraged to state the reason for the request and any changes you want made to the proposed repealed rules. Any request that does not comply with these requirements is not valid and the agency cannot count it for determining whether it must hold a public hearing.

Effect of Requests. If 25 or more people submit a written request for a hearing, the agency must meet the requirements of *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.131 to 14.20 for rules adopted after a hearing or the requirements of *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 14.22 to 14.28 for rules adopted without a hearing, including the preparation of a statement of need and reasonableness and the opportunity for a hearing.

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Modifications. The agency might modify its choice of these designated rules or parts proposed for repeal (for example, fixing a typo or deciding not to repeal a rule because the rule is discovered not to be obsolete), based on comments and information submitted to the agency. If the final rules are identical to the rules originally published in the *State Register*, the agency will publish a notice of adopting the repealer(s) in the *State Register*. If the final rules are different from the rules originally published in the *State Register*, the agency must publish a copy of the changes in the *State Register*.

Alternative Format/Accommodation. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the MPCA Contact Person at the address or telephone number listed above.

Lobbyist Registration. *Minnesota Statutes*, chapter 10A, requires each lobbyist to register with the State Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. You may direct questions regarding this requirement to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board at: Suite 190, Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, telephone 651-296-5148 or 1-800-657-3889.

Repeal and Review of Obsolete Rules. If no hearing is required, the agency may repeal the obsolete rules after the end of the comment period. The agency will submit the rules and supporting documents to the Court of Administrative Hearings for a legal review. You may ask to be notified of the date the rules are submitted to the office. If you want to receive notice of this, to receive a copy of the repealed obsolete rules, or to register with the agency to receive notice of future rule proceedings, submit your request to the agency contact person listed above.

Date: May 28, 2026

Katrina Kessler, Commissioner
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, parts 7023.0150; 7023.0200; 7023.0250; and 7023.0300, are repealed.

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Provisions exist for the Commissioners of some state agencies to adopt expedited emergency rules when conditions exist that do not allow the Commissioner to comply with the requirements for emergency 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 emergency conditions. Expedited emergency rules are effective upon publication in the *State Register*, and may be effective up to seven days before publication under certain emergency conditions.

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

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 Natural Resources

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: 2026 Update to Prohibition on Placing Deer Feed and Using

Notice is hereby given that the following rules are being adopted through the process prescribed by *Minnesota Statutes*, section 84.027, subdivision 13(b), which authorizes the Commissioner to adopt expedited emergency rules to address the danger posed by CWD to the wild deer population and the need to take prompt risk mitigation measures. Additional authority for the content of the rule is found in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 97A.045, subdivision 11, which

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expressly authorizes the Minnesota DNR to adopt expedited emergency rules to prevent or control wildlife diseases.

The following conditions do not allow compliance with *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 97A.0451 to 97A.0459: The rules are necessary to combat the spread of Chronic Wasting Disease (CWD). Prions, the infectious agents that transmit the disease, are shed through saliva, urine, blood, feces, and antler velvet. Prions are highly resistant to degradation and can persist in the environment for decades. Prions spread among individual deer through both direct (animal-to-animal) and indirect (environmental) contact. The use of deer feed and attractants causes deer to concentrate in one area, thus greatly increasing the risk of CWD transmission between individuals. CWD, which is always fatal, has been detected among captive and wild deer in portions of northern, central, and southeastern Minnesota. The detection of the disease in free-ranging deer in the fall of 2025 in one new county and new portions of three existing CWD management zones underscores the shifting and unpredictable distribution of the disease in Minnesota.

The most effective means to reduce disease transmission and spread is to implement management strategies as soon as possible after detection. Because of potential damage that CWD could do to the wild deer population in the time it would take to use Chapter 14 rulemaking process to adopt this rule, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is using its expedited emergency rulemaking authority pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 84.027, subd. 13(b). Additionally, the DNR is expressly authorized by Minn. Stat. § 97A.045, subdivision 11 to adopt expedited emergency rules to prevent or control wildlife disease.

To reduce the transmission of CWD, the placement or distribution of deer feed and deer attractants is prohibited in Aitkin, Anoka, Becker, Beltrami, Carver, Cass, Clay, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Dakota, Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Grant, Hennepin, Houston, Hubbard, Itasca, Le Sueur, McLeod, Meeker, Mower, Norman, Olmsted, Polk, Ramsey, Rice, Scott, Sherburne, Sibley, Steele, Traverse, Wabasha, Washington, Wilkin, Winona and Wright counties. This includes one new county where CWD positive deer was discovered in the fall of 2025 and four counties adjacent to counties with positive deer.

Dated: May 19, 2026

Sarah Strommen
Commissioner of Natural Resources

6232.4800 FEEDING AND ATTRACTING DEER PROHIBITED IN CERTAIN COUNTIES.

Subpart 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this part:

A. “attractants” means food scents, salt, minerals, prescented items with natural or synthetic attractants, and any product, either natural or synthetic, that contains or purports to contain cervid urine, cervid blood, cervid gland oil, cervid feces, or other cervid bodily fluid;

B. “feed” means grains, fruits, vegetables, nuts, hay, and other food, either natural or synthetic, that is capable of attracting or enticing deer; and

C. “place” includes to place, cause to place, distribute, or otherwise put on a person’s property in an outdoor location accessible to deer or to allow another person to so place, cause to place, distribute, or put on a person’s property.

Subp. 2. **Applicability; prohibition; feed and attractants.** In Aitkin, Anoka, Becker, Beltrami, Carver, Cass, Clay, Clearwater, Crow Wing, Dakota, Dodge, Fillmore, Goodhue, Grant, Hennepin, Houston, Hubbard, Itasca, Le Sueur, McLeod, Meeker, Mower, Norman, Olmsted, Polk, Ramsey, Rice, Scott, Sherburne, Sibley, Steele, Traverse, Wabasha, Washington, Wilkin, Winona, and Wright Counties, a person may not place feed or attractants, except as provided in subpart 3.

Subp. 3. **Exceptions.** The prohibition in subpart 2 does not include:

A. feed that is intended to feed wildlife other than deer, if the feed is:

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(1) arranged to exclude access to deer; or

(2) put at least six feet above the ground;

B. feed that is present solely as a result of normal agricultural, forest management, or wildlife food-planting practices;

C. feed or minerals that are for livestock purposes if the feed or minerals are:

(1) for domestic livestock that are present and actively consuming the feed or minerals daily;

(2) covered to deter deer from accessing the feed or minerals; or

(3) stored consistent with normal agricultural practices; or

D. natural or manufactured products that do not have attractants or feed.

Subp. 4. Cleanup.

A. In addition to any other penalties imposed, a person must immediately remove any feed and attractants that have been placed in violation of subpart 2.

B. Failure to comply with this subpart is a separate violation from and in addition to a violation of subpart 2.

Subp. 5. **Bear bait stations in counties where placing feed or attractants is prohibited.** A person may establish a bear bait station, as described in part 6232.2600, subpart 3, in counties where placing feed or attractants is otherwise prohibited under subpart 2.

REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, part 6232.4800, published in the State Register, volume 49, page 1386, June 23, 2025, is repealed.

Department of Natural Resources

Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: 2026 Waterfowl and Sandhill Crane Hunting, Light Goose Population Control, Game Refuges, Controlled Hunting Zones, and Feeding and Resting Areas

Notice is hereby given that the above entitled rules have been adopted through the process prescribed by *Minnesota Statutes*, section 84.027, subdivision 13(b). The statutory authority for the content of the rules is *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 84.027, subdivision 13(a), 97A.091, subdivision 2; 97A.092; 97A.137, subdivision 2; 97A.401, subdivision 5; 97B.105; 97B.112; and 97B.731, subdivision 1(b).

The following conditions do not allow compliance with *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 97A.0451 to 97A.0459: Waterfowl hunting season dates are based on annual determinations of season timing and selection of options as allowed under federal frameworks for migratory bird hunting. Provisions allowing or prohibiting taking waterfowl on refuges are based on local annual population assessments that show whether a harvestable surplus of ducks or geese exists.

State game refuges open to taking geese are adjusted on a regular basis to reflect changing use by Canada goose populations. Additions to the list of Migratory Waterfowl Feeding and Resting Areas where electric motors may be used during waterfowl season allow additional access and hunting opportunity while maintaining substantial areas of undisturbed waterfowl habitat.

Modifications to controlled hunting zones (CHZs) have been implemented in response to annual harvest data showing declining use by hunters due in part to changes in goose abundance and fall staging patterns.

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Falconry season changes standardize opening and closing dates with firearms seasons for waterfowl and provide additional days after the firearms season to reach the maximum number of falconry hunting days allowed under the federal framework.

Regulations prohibiting the take of teal on certain rice beds within the Leech Lake, Mille Lacs, and White Earth Reservations address Tribal concerns about the potential for interference between hunters and *manoomin* (wild rice) harvesters during the early-teal season. During the early-teal season (Sept. 5-9), hunters will be restricted from the taking of teal in an area one-half mile from rice beds posted as open for ricing by Tribal authorities when hunting within the boundaries of the Leech Lake Reservation. During the early teal season (Sept. 5-9), hunters will be restricted from the taking of teal on all wild rice waters identified by Tribal authorities within the boundaries of the Mille Lacs and White Earth Indian Reservations.

Amendments governing migratory bird seasons include: (a) setting dates for the early goose season; (b) setting shooting hours to allow duck hunters to begin shooting one-half hour before sunrise on the opening day of duck season, which is consistent with federal waterfowl regulations; (c) setting shooting hours to begin one-half hour later during the early-teal season to prevent misidentification by hunters; (d) increasing the possession limit for harvested migratory waterfowl to be consistent with federal regulations; (e) providing allowances for the use of watercraft in certain areas during the waterfowl seasons; (f) setting a mourning dove season that reflects an expansion in the federal framework introduced by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; (g) setting youth waterfowl hunting days consistent with federal regulations; and (h) setting open seasons, limits, and restricted areas for the sandhill crane, coot, moorhen, duck, merganser, and goose seasons. Each of these seasonal variables are required to be adjusted on an annual basis based upon current biological and harvest data.

Dated: May 18, 2026

Sarah Strommen
Commissioner of Natural Resources

6230.0100 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 1a. **Early goose season.** “Early goose season” has the meaning given in part 6240.0100, subpart 1a.

[For text of subparts 2 and 3, see Minnesota Rules]

6230.0400 SPECIAL PROVISIONS FOR STATE GAME REFUGES.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. **Bemidji Game Refuge, Beltrami County.** The Bemidji Game Refuge in Beltrami County is open to:

[For text of item A, see State Register, volume 50, page 45]

B. ~~Canada~~ goose hunting during the early goose season, except on Lake Bemidji, the Mississippi River, and Stump Lake, and Lake Irving;

[For text of items C and D, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 3 and 4, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 5. **Clay County Game Refuge, Clay County.** The Clay County Game Refuge in Clay County is open to:

[For text of item A, see State Register, volume 50, page 45]

[For text of items B and C, see Minnesota Rules]

D. ~~Canada~~ goose hunting during the early goose season.

[For text of subpart 6, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subpart 7, see State Register, volume 50, page 75]

[For text of subparts 8 to 10, see Minnesota Rules]

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Subp. 11. **Evansville Game Refuge, Douglas County.** The Evansville Game Refuge in Douglas County is open to:

- A. trapping;
- B. ~~Canada~~ goose hunting during the early goose season; and
- C. deer and bear hunting by firearms.

[For text of subpart 12, see State Register, volume 50, page 45]

Subp. 13. **Fox Lake Game Refuge, Martin County.** The Fox Lake Game Refuge in Martin County is open to:

[For text of items A and B, see Minnesota Rules]

- C. ~~special goose hunts~~ goose hunting during the September goose season;

[For text of items D and E, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 14 to 20, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 21. **Lac qui Parle Game Refuge, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties.** The following special provisions apply to the Lac qui Parle Game Refuge, Chippewa and Lac qui Parle Counties:

A. Those portions within the Lac qui Parle Mission Site are closed to hunting. The remainder of the refuge is open to:

(1) waterfowl hunting only from the third Thursday in October through the open ~~Canada~~ goose season, only at designated hunting stations as provided by ~~parts part~~ part 6230.0500 ~~to 6230.0700~~;

(2) deer hunting; and

(3) small game hunting other than waterfowl, except from the second Saturday in October through November 30, when small game hunting is allowed only at designated hunting stations as provided by ~~parts part~~ part 6230.0500 ~~to 6230.0700~~. Small game hunting is not allowed on closed ~~Canada~~ goose hunting days during a split goose season.

B. No unauthorized person may trespass during the dates posted on any part of the refuge posted with “State Wildlife Sanctuary - Do Not Trespass” signs, except for:

(1) ice fishing; and

(2) open water fishing in the posted closed area from the close of the ~~Canada~~ goose season until ~~the second Saturday in October~~ November 1.

[For text of items C and D, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 22 to 32, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 33. **Ocheda Lake Game Refuge, Nobles County.** The Ocheda Lake Game Refuge in Nobles County is open to:

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

D. ~~Canada~~ goose hunting during the early season and from the first Saturday in December through the end of the statewide goose season, ~~except that hunting is prohibited within 100 yards of surface water during the early goose season;~~ and

[For text of item E, see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of subparts 34 to 40, see Minnesota Rules]

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Subp. 41. **St. James Game Refuge, Watonwan County.** The St. James Game Refuge in Watonwan County is open to:

- A. trapping; and
- B. ~~special goose hunts~~ goose hunting during the early goose season.
[For text of subpart 42, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 43. **Schoolcraft Game Refuge, Hubbard County.** The Schoolcraft Game Refuge in Hubbard County is open to:

- A. small game hunting, except waterfowl, through the Thursday nearest November 4 and after the close of the 100 series firearms deer season;
[For text of items B and C, see Minnesota Rules]
[For text of subparts 44 to 47, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 48. **Talcot Lake Waterfowl Refuge, Cottonwood County.**
[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

B. The Talcot Lake State Waterfowl Refuge is open to goose hunting by persons with disabilities at designated hunting stations. Hunters with disabilities may reserve designated stations according to regulations available at the Talcot Lake Wildlife Management Area Headquarters. All other applicable controlled hunt regulations in ~~parts part 6230.0500 and 6230.1100~~ apply to persons hunting at these stations.

[For text of subpart 49, see State Register, volume 50, page 45]
[For text of subparts 50 to 53, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 54. [See repealer.]

[For text of subpart 55, see State Register, volume 50, page 45]
[For text of subparts 56 to 60, see Minnesota Rules]
[For text of subparts 61 to 63, see State Register, volume 50, page 45]
[For text of subpart 64, see State Register, volume 50, page 75]

6230.0500 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR CONTROLLED HUNTING ZONES AND DESIGNATED HUNTING STATIONS IN STATE GAME REFUGES.

The following regulations apply to all persons within a controlled hunting zone or in designated hunting stations during the an open Canada goose seasons waterfowl season or as otherwise specified in parts 6230.0600 to 6230.1100:

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

~~B. Only one hunting group, consisting of no more than three hunters, may occupy a designated hunting station at a time. Except for stations reserved for hunters with disabilities, use of designated hunting stations is first-come, first-serve. A person may not occupy a station that is posted closed.~~

~~C. Persons occupying a hunting station must fulfill all license requirements to hunt waterfowl.~~

~~C. No trailers of any kind are allowed in designated parking lots. Hunters using designated hunting stations must park their vehicles in provided parking areas or numbered stalls. Designated parking areas may not be occupied between 10 p.m. and 5 a.m.~~

~~D. All persons hunting in controlled hunting zones or in designated hunting stations must adhere to any additional regulations that apply.~~

~~D. E. A person may not leave any refuse, offal, or feathers on public lands in the controlled hunting zone or in any~~

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parking lot.

E. F. Alcoholic beverages may not be consumed or possessed at any of the hunting stations on public lands.

F. A person may not loiter in areas between the designated hunting stations on public lands.

G. On public lands, dogs must be on a leash except within ten feet of stations or while retrieving, and must be under control at all times.

H. On public lands, after each party member has bagged a limit of Canada geese, or expended a limit of shells, the party must promptly leave the station.

I. No trailers of any kind are allowed in designated parking lots.

6230.0600 DESCRIPTIONS OF CONTROLLED HUNTING ZONES.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. **Thief Lake Zone, Marshall County.** On the Thief Lake Wildlife Management Area in Marshall County, the controlled hunting zone includes the following:

The Southwest Quarter of Section 8, the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW 1/4 SW 1/4) of Section 9, the Northwest Quarter of the Southwest Quarter (NW 1/4 SW 1/4) of Section 11, the West Half (W 1/2) of Section 17, and the Northwest Quarter (NW 1/4) of Section 20; as well as portions of the South Half of the Southeast Quarter (S 1/2 SE 1/4) of Section 8, the South Half of the South Half (S 1/2 S 1/2) of Section 9, the South Half (S 1/2) of Section 10, the South Half of the South Half (S 1/2 S 1/2) of Section 11, the Northwest Quarter of the Southeast Quarter (NW 1/4 SE 1/4) of Section 20, Township 158 North, Range 41 West.

Subp. 3. [See repealer.]

[For text of subparts 4 and 5, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 6. [See repealer.]

Subp. 7. [See repealer.]

[For text of subpart 8, see Minnesota Rules]

6230.0900 ORWELL SPECIAL PROVISIONS.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. [See repealer.]

Subp. 3. **Restrictions on entry to zone.** ~~Persons may not enter the controlled hunting zone except when their vehicles are occupying numbered parking stalls in the designated parking lot in the controlled hunting zone. Persons other than those hunting at a designated station in the controlled hunting zone may not occupy a numbered stall in a designated parking lot.~~

Subp. 4. [See repealer.]

Subp. 5. [See repealer.]

Subp. 6. [See repealer.]

Subp. 7. **Hunting restrictions.** Hunting other than waterfowl is prohibited.

6234.0800 HUNTING BY FALCONRY.

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[For text of subparts 1 to 3, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 4. **Open season and hours for migratory game birds.** Woodcock, sora and Virginia rails, mourning dove, and common snipe may be taken by falconry from September 1 to December 16. Ducks, coots, and moorhens (Gallinules) may be taken by falconry from the Saturday nearest October 1 to the Saturday nearest January 14 during the open seasons prescribed in part 6240.0640, subpart 1, and from December 12, 2026, through January 20, 2027. Geese may be taken by falconry during any open goose season. Crows may be taken by falconry during the open season. Falconry hours are from one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except during the regular waterfowl season when falconry hours are the same as waterfowl shooting hours.

6240.0100 DEFINITIONS.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 1a. **Early goose season.** “Early goose season” means goose seasons beginning before open September 16.5 through September 20.

[For text of subparts 2 to 4, see Minnesota Rules]

6240.0200 GENERAL RESTRICTIONS FOR TAKING AND POSSESSION OF MIGRATORY GAME BIRDS.

Subpart 1. **Shooting hours.** Shooting hours for migratory waterfowl, coots, gallinules, rails, and snipe are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset, except as follows: during the early teal season from September 5 through September 9, when shooting hours are sunrise to sunset for teal.

A. on the opening day of the duck season, shooting hours begin at 9:00 a.m.; and

B. from the opening day of the duck season to the Saturday nearest October 8, shooting hours end at 4:00 p.m.

Subp. 2. **Possession limits.** The possession limit is ~~twice~~ three times the daily limit, except for rails where the daily and possession limits are the same. All restrictions specific to a species or gender apply.

[For text of subpart 3, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 4. **Use of motorized watercraft.** A person may use motorized watercraft in the waterfowl feeding and resting area established on South Heron Lake during the early goose season established in part 6240.1200.

[For text of subparts 5 and 6, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 7. **Taking in open water.** A person may take migratory waterfowl, coots, gallinules, rails, and snipe in open water on the following waters of Minnesota with the restrictions given:

A. the area of the Mississippi River and backwaters within the boundary beginning at the intersection of U.S. Highway 61 and the Minnesota border in Dakota County; thence along U.S. Highway 61 to U.S. Highway 63; thence along U.S. Highway 61/63 to U.S. Highway 61; thence along U.S. Highway 61 to U.S. Highway 14; thence along U.S. Highway 61/14 to Interstate 90; thence along Interstate 90/U.S. Highway 61/14 to State Trunk Highway (STH) 16; thence along STH 16 to STH 26; thence along STH 26 to the state’s southern boundary; thence along the southern boundary to the eastern boundary; thence along the eastern boundary to the point of the beginning; hunting is allowed not more than 100 feet from any shoreline, including islands, from boats that must be at anchor;

B. Lake Pepin, Lake of the Woods, and Lake Mille Lacs: hunting is allowed from boats that must be at anchor;
and

C. Lake Superior north and east of Minnesota/Park Point peninsula: hunting is allowed from boats that must be at anchor.

Subp. 8. **Early teal season restrictions.** Within the boundaries of the Leech Lake Reservation, taking teal during the early teal season is prohibited within one-half mile of wild rice beds that are posted as open to wild rice harvest by Tribal

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authorities.

Subp. 9. **Early teal season restrictions.** Within the boundaries of the White Earth Reservation, taking teal during the early teal season is prohibited on wild rice waters identified by Tribal authorities.

Subp. 10. **Early teal season restrictions.** Within the boundaries of the Mille Lacs Indian Reservation, taking teal during the early teal season is prohibited on wild rice waters identified by Tribal authorities.

6240.0250 TAKING MOURNING DOVES.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Mourning doves may be taken during the ~~60-day~~ 90-day period ~~beginning from~~ beginning from September 1 through November 29.

[For text of subpart 2, see Minnesota Rules]

6240.0400 TAKING RAILS.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Sora and Virginia rails may be taken during the 70-day period from September 1 ~~to the end of woodcock season as prescribed under part 6240.0300~~ through November 9. King rails may not be taken or possessed.

[For text of subpart 2, see Minnesota Rules]

6240.0500 TAKING ~~COMMON~~ WILSON'S SNIPE.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** ~~Common~~ Wilson's snipe may be taken during the 107-day period from September 1 ~~to the end of woodcock season as prescribed under part 6240.0300~~ through December 16.

Subp. 2. **Daily limit.** A person may not take more than eight ~~common~~ Wilson's snipe per day during the open season.

6240.0610 YOUTH WATERFOWL HUNTING DAY.

Subpart 1. **Dates, eligibility, and license requirements.** Ducks, mergansers, coots, moorhens, and ~~Canada~~ dark or light geese, as defined in part 6240.0950, subpart 2, may be taken statewide on Youth Waterfowl Hunting ~~Day~~ Weekend, September 12 and 13, by resident and nonresident hunters ~~15~~ 17 years of age or younger. An adult resident or nonresident mentor 18 years of age or older, who is authorized by the youth's parent or guardian, must accompany the youth hunter at all times during the hunt. The accompanying adult may not hunt. No hunting license or state waterfowl stamps are required, but all youths age 16 and older must have a federal migratory bird stamp.

Subp. 2. **Shooting hours.** Shooting hours are one-half hour before sunrise to ~~4:00 p.m.~~ sunset.

Subp. 3. **Bag limits.** The daily bag limit for ducks, mergansers, coots, and moorhens is as allowed by federal rule. The daily bag limit for geese is five ~~Canada~~ dark geese and 20 light geese, as defined under part 6240.0950, subpart 2.

6240.0630 TAKING SANDHILL CRANE.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Sandhill cranes may be taken from September 12 through October 18.

Subp. 2. **Shooting hours.** Shooting hours for sandhill cranes are one-half hour before sunrise to sunset.

Subp. 3. **Open area; taking restrictions.**

A. Sandhill cranes may be taken only in the Northwest Goose Zone described in part 6240.0860, subpart 1.

B. Sandhill cranes may be taken by bow and arrow or shotgun with nontoxic shot approved by the United States Fish and Wildlife Service. A person may not take sandhill cranes with a rifle or handgun.

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Subp. 4. License and requirements.

A. Sandhill cranes may only be taken under:

- (1) a valid permit to take sandhill cranes issued by the commissioner for a fee of \$3; and
- (2) a small-game license, unless exempted.

B. A hunter must have a license to take sandhill cranes in possession when taking or possessing sandhill cranes.

C. A hunter must not have had small- or big-game hunting privileges revoked within one year of purchasing a license to take sandhill cranes.

Subp. 5. Bag limits. A person may not take more than two sandhill cranes per day or have more than six sandhill cranes in possession.

Subp. 6. Penalties. Violating this part or the conditions of any permit issued under this part results in revocation of the license and any other penalty provided by state or federal law.

Subp. 7. Game and waterfowl refuges. All state game refuges closed to migratory-waterfowl hunting are closed to taking sandhill cranes under this part. All waterfowl refuges closed by posting to taking ducks or geese during any portion of the fall waterfowl seasons are closed to taking sandhill cranes under this part.

6240.0640 TAKING COOTS, MOORHENS, DUCKS, AND MERGANSERS.

Subpart 1. Open season.

A. Coots, moorhens, ducks, and mergansers may be taken as follows:

(1) in the North Waterfowl Zone described in part 6240.0620, subpart 2, during the 60-day period from September 26 through November 24;

(2) in the Central Waterfowl Zone described in part 6240.0620, subpart 4, during the 60-day period that includes September 26 through October 4 and October 10 through November 29; and

(3) in the remainder of the state, during the 60-day period that includes September 26 through October 4 and October 17 through December 6.

B. Blue- and green-winged and cinnamon teal may be taken statewide from September 5 through September 9.

Subp. 2. Daily limits.

A. In any one day, a person may not take more than six ducks, five mergansers, and a total of 15 coots and moorhens.

B. The daily limit of ducks, other than mergansers, may not include more than:

- (1) four mallards, including two female mallards;
- (2) three pintail;
- (3) two redheads;
- (4) three wood ducks;

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(5) two black ducks; and

(6) two canvasbacks.

C. The limit of scaup is one per day through October 10 in the North Waterfowl Zone, one per day through October 15 in the Central Waterfowl Zone, and one per day through October 22 in the South Waterfowl Zone. The limit of scaup is two per day the remainder of the duck season in each zone.

D. The daily limit of mergansers may not include more than two hooded mergansers.

6240.0950 TAKING GEESE.

Subpart 1. **Open season.** Geese may be taken as follows:

A. statewide during the early goose season. The early goose season is a special season for which a special season goose license is required under Minnesota Statutes, section 97B.802;

B. in the North Waterfowl Zone described in part 6240.0620, subpart 2, September 26 through December 25;

C. in the Central Waterfowl Zone described in part 6240.0620, subpart 4, September 26 through October 4 and October 10 through December 30; and

D. in the remainder of the state, during the 60-day period that includes September 26 through October 4 and October 17 through January 6.

Subp. 2. **Daily limit.** The bag limit for dark geese is five combined and the bag limit for light geese is 20 combined during any open season. Dark geese are Canada, cackling, brant, and white-fronted geese. Light geese are snow, blue, and Ross's geese.

6240.1850 REFUGES OPEN TO TAKING GEESE.

[For text of subpart 1, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 2. **Game refuges.**

A. The following refuges are open to goose hunting during the first two days of the regular goose season: Fox Lake Game Refuge in Martin County and the Saint James Game Refuge in Watonwan County is open to goose hunting during the first two days of the regular goose season.

B. The Fox Lake Game Refuge is open to goose hunting for from the last seven days day of the statewide duck season through the end of the goose season. There is no goose hunting within 100 yards of Fox and Temperence Lakes.

Subp. 3. **Waterfowl refuges.**

[For text of item A, see Minnesota Rules]

B. The Mud-Bardwell Waterfowl Refuge in Martin County is open to Canada goose hunting from the Saturday on or nearest November 1 October 9 to the end of the goose season. There is no goose hunting within 100 yards of Mud and Bardwell Lakes.

6240.2000 MIGRATORY WATERFOWL FEEDING AND RESTING AREA RESTRICTIONS.

[For text of subparts 1 to 3, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 4. **Use of electric motors.** On the lakes listed in items A to J K, a person may use an electric motor with battery power of 12 volts or less within the designated migratory waterfowl feeding and resting area during the open waterfowl

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season:

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

F. Kandiyohi County: ~~Wagona~~ Wakanda Lake, Lake Lillian;

[For text of items G and H, see Minnesota Rules]

I. Pope County: Nelson Lake; and

J. Traverse County: Mud Lake; and

K. Le Sueur County: Diamond Lake, Dora Lake, and Sanborn Lake.

REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0400, subpart 54; 6230.0600, subparts 3, 6, and 7; and 6230.0900, subparts 2, 4, 5, and 6, are repealed.

EFFECTIVE PERIOD. The expedited emergency amendments to Minnesota Rules, parts 6230.0100, 6230.0400, 6230.0500, 6230.0600, 6230.0900, 6234.0800, 6240.0100, 6240.0200, 6240.0250, 6240.0400, 6240.0500, 6240.0610, 6240.1850, and 6240.2000 expire January 30, 2027. After the emergency amendments expire, the permanent rules as they read before those amendments again take effect, except as they may be amended by permanent rule. Minnesota Rules, parts 6240.0630, 6240.0640, and 6240.0950, expire January 30, 2027.

Adopted Rules

A rule becomes effective after the requirements of *Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.05-14.28 have been met and five working days after the rule is published in the *State Register*, unless a later date is required by statutes or specified in the rule. If an adopted rule is identical to its proposed form as previously published, a notice of adoption and a citation to its previous *State Register* publication will be printed. If an adopted rule differs from its proposed form, language which has been deleted will be printed with strikeouts and new language will be underlined. The rule's previous *State Register* publication will be cited.

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."

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Department of Labor and Industry

Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Earned Sick and Safe Time

The rules proposed and published at State Register, Volume 50, Number 17, pages 417-424, October 27, 2025 (50 SR 417), are adopted with the following modifications:

5200.1202 HOURS WORKED.

Subpart 1. **Eligibility.** An employer must determine in good faith whether an employee is anticipated to perform work for at least 80 hours in a year for that employer in Minnesota pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 181.9445, subdivision 5. For the purposes of this subpart, "good faith" means the employer, at a minimum, evaluated the employee's anticipated work schedule and location of hours worked in a manner that is not knowingly false or in reckless disregard of the truth. Employees anticipated to work or who actually work at least 80 hours in a year for that employer in Minnesota must receive earned sick and safe time in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 181.9446.

Subpart 1. ~~Location of hours worked.~~ An employee accrues earned sick and safe time in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 181.9446, paragraph (a), as follows:

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~~A. if the employee will work more than 50 percent of their hours for the employer in Minnesota in an accrual year, then all the employee's hours worked count toward their accrual of earned sick and safe time regardless of location;~~

~~B. if the employee will work 50 percent or more of their hours for the employer outside of Minnesota in an accrual year, then only the employee's hours worked in Minnesota count toward their accrual of earned sick and safe time. The employer must determine in good faith before the start of employment and the beginning of the accrual year whether the employee will accrue earned sick and safe time under this item, unless the employer will provide the employee with at least 48 hours of earned sick and safe time during the accrual year;~~

~~C. if a significant change in circumstances will occur during an accrual year, such as a change in work location or duties, the employer must determine in good faith whether the employee will accrue earned sick and safe time under item A or B. Any significant change in circumstance that results in the employee accruing earned sick and safe time differently under this subpart is effective the date of the change in circumstances. The employer must give the employee written notice of such a change prior to the date the change takes effect under Minnesota Statutes, section 181.032, paragraph (f). Any accrued but unused earned sick and safe time remains available for the employee to use during the accrual year;~~

~~D. for the purposes of this subpart, "good faith" means the employer, at a minimum, evaluated the employee's anticipated work schedule and locations of work in a manner that is not knowingly false or in reckless disregard of the truth. The employer's obligation to provide accrual of earned sick and safe time in accordance with items B and C is met if the employer acts in good faith when anticipating the employee's location of hours worked for an accrual year;~~

~~E. for the purposes of this subpart, an employee who is teleworking is considered to be working in the state where they are physically located while performing telework;~~

~~F. notwithstanding this subpart, an employer is permitted to provide earned sick and safe time in excess of the minimum amount required under Minnesota Statutes, section 181.9446; and~~

~~G. nothing in this subpart is to be construed as requiring compliance or imposing obligations for work performed in a state or locality outside of Minnesota where such benefits are expressly prohibited or preempted by law.~~

5200.1204 ACCRUAL AND ADVANCING METHODS.

Subp. 2. **Changing methods.** Any change to an employer's method of providing earned sick and safe time to an employee under Minnesota Statutes, section 181.9446, paragraph (a) or (b), must be communicated to the employee in writing and is not effective until the first day of the next accrual year. An employer must provide notice of a change to the accrual method as part of the written notice of changes to employment terms required under Minnesota Statutes, section 181.032, paragraph (f). If an employer fails to provide timely notice of a change to the accrual method as required by this subpart, the prior accrual method remains in effect, unless the employee agrees otherwise. ~~Changes to accrual under part 5200.1202, subpart 1, item C, are not subject to this subpart.~~

5200.1208 MISUSE OF EARNED SICK AND SAFE TIME.

Subp. 2. **Pattern or clear instance of suspected misuse.** Notwithstanding the timeline provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 181.9447, subdivision 3, paragraph (a), an employer is permitted to require reasonable documentation from an employee when there is a pattern or clear instance of suspected misuse by the employee. A pattern or clear instance of suspected misuse includes, but is not limited to:

Subp. 3. **No restriction on use.** An employer must not deny an employee the use of earned sick and safe time for a qualifying purpose based on previous misuse of earned sick and safe time by the employee or the employer's suspicion that the employee may misuse earned sick and safe time. However, misuse of earned sick and safe time is not subject to protections provided to employees in Minnesota Statutes, sections 181.9445 to 181.9448, and may be subject to discipline by the employer.

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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 Agriculture (MDA) Agricultural Chemical Response & Reimbursement Account (ACRRA) Notice of Public Hearing to Disclose Future ACRRA Surcharges

Pursuant to Minnesota Statute Chapter 18E.03 Subd. 3, the MDA, in providing administrative support to the Agricultural Chemical Response Compensation Board (ACRRA Board), has determined that the amount of the annual response and reimbursement fees (surcharge revenues) for ACRRA must be decreased in order to maintain the statutorily required ACRRA balance.

NOTICE IS HERBY GIVEN that the public hearing will be held on July 15th, 2026 immediately following the regularly scheduled 9:30am ACRRA Board meeting. The meeting will be held in Room B362 at 625 Robert Street North in St. Paul. More information about ACRRA can be found on the MDA website at www.mda.state.mn.us/acrra.

Prior to the meeting, written comments may be sent to: Jennie.Andryski@state.mn.us

Department of Commerce Notice of Public Hearing for Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Draft FFY2027 State Plan

Hearing Date:	July 17, 2026
Time:	1:00pm
Location:	Microsoft Teams Meeting (virtual)
Register here:	<i>Microsoft Teams Meeting Link</i>

Background

The draft FFY2027 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) State Plan describes how federal LIHEAP funds will be used to help low-income households reduce their energy burdens. Commerce uses comments received at the public hearing and during the comment period to develop the final state plan.

Visit <https://mn.gov/home> to read the draft state plan and proposed changes.

Public Hearing Information

- The public hearing starts on time and continues until all attendees have an opportunity to offer comments and ask questions, or until 2:00pm, whichever comes first
- You may join the meeting up to 10 minutes early

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- Minnesota Department of Commerce staff run the hearing and are available to answer questions
- You may share verbal comments at the hearing, or you may submit written comments as described below

Submit Comments

Please share your comments about the FFY2027 State Plan and about Minnesota’s Energy Assistance Program (EAP). We are especially interested in these topics.

- What part of applying for Energy Assistance is most difficult? If you could change one thing about the application process, what would it be?
- Are Energy Assistance applications readily available in your community? What is the easiest way to get one? What is one thing that would make getting an application easier?
- Minnesota’s Energy Assistance Program plans to transfer approximately 10% of its FFY27 award to the Weatherization program, which is similar to the amount transferred over the past several years. This amount may need to be reduced if federal funding is cut. Please comment on any impacts that this change may have.
- Income Eligibility Guidelines changes – In response to future federal funding uncertainty, EAP must plan for potential funding cuts. Any cuts would require the program to adjust the income eligibility guidelines to accommodate less funding to process applications and provide meaningful benefits, but should not require a reduction in average benefit amounts per eligible applicant. Specifically, EAP plans to reduce the income eligibility guidelines to serve a number of households that is proportionate to any enacted cuts. For example:

Funding Cut % (from current)	Households Served	Income Eligibility Limit (State Median Income Percent)	Maximum Annual Income for Household of 4
0%	125,000	50%	\$73,970
10%	120,000	44%	\$65,053
20%	100,000	36%	\$53,546
30%	90,000	31%	\$45,540
40%	75,000	26%	\$39,105

Note that because of limitations on the percent of federal funding that can be spent administering the program, EAP Service Providers would not be able to process the same number of applications as in previous years with significantly less funding. Please comment on how these changes may impact:

- You or members of your community?
- Other programs that utilize energy assistance to identify eligible households?

Comment Period: Open through **Friday, August 7, 2026 at 4:30pm**

Online: https://mn-commerce.formstack.com/forms/eap_feedback

*Use the dropdown option ‘Feedback/comments about the program’ to leave feedback

U.S. Mail: Michael Schmitz, Director
Office of Energy Assistance Programs
Minnesota Department of Commerce
85 7th Place East, Suite 280
St Paul MN 55101-2198

Fax: 651-539-0109

Important: Comments are publicly available, except in limited circumstances, consistent with the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act.

If any reasonable accommodation is needed to enable you to fully participate in the public hearing (e.g., sign language or large print materials), please contact 651-539-0109 at least one week in advance of the hearing.

This document can be made available in alternative formats (e.g., large print or audio) by calling 651-539-1809 (voice). Persons with hearing or speech disabilities may call us through their preferred Telecommunications Relay Service.

Department of Commerce

Official Notice: Updated Restrictions On Deficiency Judgments, Minnesota Property Exemption and Minnesota Homestead Exemption Adjustment of Dollar Amounts Effective July 1, 2026

The amount of a deficiency judgment found in Minnesota Statutes, Section 325G.22, property exempt from creditor collection action in Minnesota Statutes, Section 550.37, and the homestead exemption in Minnesota Statutes, Section 510.02 will increase effective July 1, 2026. These statutes require that the dollar amounts be adjusted in even numbered years based on a percentage change in the Implicit Price Deflator for the Gross Domestic Product. On May 6, 2026, an Official Notice was published on the Department of Commerce’s website which contained incorrect adjusted amounts. On April 27, 2026, the Department of Commerce published the incorrect adjusted amounts in the Minnesota State Register. The correct adjusted amounts are contained within this Official Notice and will be published in the Minnesota State Register on June 29, 2026, and on the Department of Commerce’s website. The adjusted amounts contained in this Official Notice shall be used from July 1, 2026, onward.

Statute establishes that the percentage of change from the reference base index be 10% or more in order to adjust the dollar amounts (*See Minnesota Statutes, Section 550.37, subd. 4a*). The portion of the percentage change in the index in excess of a multiple of ten percent is to be disregarded, and dollar amounts shall change only in multiples of ten percent. Information obtained from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, indicates the percentage change from the revised reference base to be 42% calculated to the nearest whole percentage point as required. The index for December 2011 is the reference base index for adjustments. The index was revised nationally to 2009 = 100. The index was again revised nationally to 2012 = 100. The rebased index for December 2011 is 91.985, increasing to 130.651 in December 2025, for a change of 42%.

The history of dollar amounts at various dates is available by reviewing prior official notices, or within the Commerce Department’s web site *Adjustments of Dollar Amounts / Minnesota Department of Commerce - Money (mn.gov)*. The original and current dollar amounts are as follows:

Statutory Section	7/1/2026	
	Original	10% Increase
Chapter 325G Credit extended <i>Minnesota Statutes, § 325G.22, subd. 1</i>	\$3,000	\$8,400
Chapter 550 Sacred possessions <i>Minnesota Statutes, § 550.37, subd. 2</i>	\$2,000	\$2,200
Personal library <i>Minnesota Statutes, § 550.37, subd. 2a</i>	\$750	\$825

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Statutory Section	Original	10% Increase
Musical instruments <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 550.37, subd. 2b	\$2,000	\$2,200
Family pets <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 550.37, subd. 2c	\$1,000	\$1,100
Personal goods <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 550.37, subd. 4	\$4,500	\$12,600
Jewelry <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 550.37, subd. 4	\$1,225	\$3,430
Business tools of trade <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 550.37, subd. 6	\$5,000	\$14,000
Insurance proceeds <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 550.37, subd. 10	\$20,000	\$56,000
Additional dependent insurance proceeds <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 550.37, subd. 10	\$5,000	\$14,000
Motor vehicle <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 550.37, subd. 12a(1)	\$2,000	\$10,200
Motor vehicle regularly used for benefit of a disabled person <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 550.37 subd. 12a(2)	\$25,000	\$27,500
Motor vehicle designed or modified for disability <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 550.37, subd. 12a(3)	\$100,000	\$110,000
One motor vehicle reasonably necessary for use in the trade, business or profession of the debtor <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 550.37, subd. 12a(4)	\$12,500	\$13,750
Life insurance aggregate interest <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 550.37, subd. 23	\$4,000	\$11,200
Employee benefits <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 550.37, subd. 24	\$30,000	\$84,000
Health savings accounts <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 550.37, subd. 26(a)	\$25,000	\$35,000
Medical savings accounts <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 550.37, subd. 26(b)	\$25,000	\$35,000
Household tools and equipment <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 550.37, subd. 27	\$3,000	\$3,300
Wild card exemption in bankruptcy <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 550.37, subd. 28	\$1,500	\$1,650
Chapter 510 Homestead exemption <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 510.02, subd. 1	\$300,000	\$540,000
Homestead for agricultural purposes <i>Minnesota Statutes</i> , § 510.02, subd. 1	\$750,000	\$1,350,000

The next published adjustment is scheduled on or before April 30, 2028, for July 1, 2028 based on the December 2027 index.

Minnesota Department of Health

Division of Health Promotion and Chronic Disease

REQUEST FOR COMMENTS for Possible Amendment to Rules Governing the Cancer Surveillance System, *Minnesota Rules*, Chapter 4606; Revisor's ID Number RD4983

Subject of Rules. The Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) requests comments on its possible amendments to rules governing the Cancer Surveillance System. This rulemaking process will update the Cancer Registry Rules to address 2023 legislative changes, enable Minnesota to provide required federal grant information, update the rules to reflect changes in clinical practice, enable the department to meet statutory requirements, and address technological and other technical changes.

MDH is considering the following:

- Aligning the rules to correspond with 2023 statutory changes by replacing the term “consent” to “notify” in Minn. Rules, part 4606.3306, subp. 1.
- Replacing the definition of “physician” with “health care practitioner” to include Physician Assistant (PA) and Advanced Practice Registered Nurse (APRN). In 2014, these two groups of practitioners had their scope of practice expanded.
- Requiring every cancer that is diagnosed or treated in Minnesota, including those in nonresidents, to be reported to the commissioner of health.
- Clarifying the professional qualifications required for those who are eligible to submit research requests to include PAs and APRNs.
- Technical name changes to heading parts.
- Requiring laboratories with more than a certain number of reports to report electronically.
- Requiring that hospitals that diagnose or treat more than a certain number of reportable cancer cases maintain a cancer registry.
- Clarifying how hospitals without a cancer registry can submit electronic uniform billing files and/or medical record disease indices containing cancer diagnoses to the commissioner of health to ensure that non-microscopically confirmed cancers are reported as required by current law.
- Other cancer registry issues that may come up, but only as we have time.

Persons Affected. The proposed amendment to the rules would likely affect the following groups and individuals:

- Physicians, Other health care providers who diagnose cancers (such as dentists, PAs, APRNs), hospitals, pathology laboratories, and those diagnosed with cancer in Minnesota.

Statutory Authority. Minnesota Statutes, section 144.672 authorizes the Department of Health to adopt rules to administer a cancer reporting system, collect information, and distribute data on cancer incidence.

Public Comment. Interested persons or groups may submit comments or information on these possible rules in writing [or orally] until 4:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 8, 2026. The Department will not publish a notice of intent to adopt the rules until more than 60 days have elapsed from the date of this request for comments.

This public comment opportunity is associated with the development of possible rules. Comments received in response to this notice will not be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the Administrative Law Judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The Department is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submit comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the Administrative Law Judge reviews the comments, you must resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.

Rules Drafts. The Department has not yet prepared a draft of the possible rules' amendment.

Agency Contact Person. Direct your written or oral comments or questions, and requests for more information on

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these possible rule changes to Patricia Segal Freeman, P.O. Box 64975, St. Paul, MN 55164-00975, phone: (651) 201-5900, 1 (877) 353-6277; fax: (800) 293-6013; and email: cancerregistryrules.mdh@state.mn.us: MDH will also post information on the Department's website at [Minnesota Cancer Reporting System Rulemaking Revisions - MN Dept. of Health \(health.state.mn.us/data/mcrs/cancerrule/index.html\)](http://Minnesota Cancer Reporting System Rulemaking Revisions - MN Dept. of Health (health.state.mn.us/data/mcrs/cancerrule/index.html))

Alternative Format. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request or if you need an accommodation to make this hearing accessible, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

NOTE: Comments received in response to this notice will not necessarily be included in the formal rulemaking record submitted to the administrative law judge if and when a proceeding to adopt rules is started. The agency is required to submit to the judge only those written comments received in response to the rules after they are proposed. If you submitted comments during the development of the rules and you want to ensure that the Administrative Law Judge reviews the comments, you should resubmit the comments after the rules are formally proposed.

Date: 6/18/2026

Wendy Underwood
Deputy Commissioner

Department of Human Services (DHS) Health Care Administration Public Notice Regarding Changes to Payment Rates and Methodologies, and Services under the Medical Assistance Program

This notice is published pursuant to *Code of Federal Regulations*, title 42, part 447, section 205 (42 CFR § 447.205), which requires publication of a notice when there is a proposed change to the methods or standards for setting payment rates for Medicaid services.

Effective July 1, 2026, the department will implement administrative changes to the rate methodology for school-based health care services and transportation. The changes align with guidance provided by the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Payments will continue to be made at an interim rate and adjusted according to data provided through the current cost reporting process. The department does not expect a significant fiscal impact.

If you need additional information, please contact Scott Monette at scott.l.monette@state.mn.us

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This notice is published pursuant to *Code of Federal Regulations*, title 42, part 447, section 205 (42 CFR § 447.205), which requires publication of a notice when there is any significant proposed change in the methods and standards for setting payment rates for Medicaid services.

Effective with the calendar year 2026 Disproportionate Share Hospital (DSH) payment year, DSH payments to hospitals that receive a Statewide Directed Payment via the managed care plan payment authority will be reduced by one percent and recharacterized as a regular fee-for-service rate payment. This change is expected to have a minimal effect on state expenditures. Laws of Minnesota 2026, Chapter 127, Article 5, Section 5

For more information, please contact Susan Hammersten at (651) 431-4869 or e-mail: susan.hammersten@state.mn.us.

Effective July 1, 2026, outpatient hospital services delivered by Rural Emergency Hospitals that had previously been Critical Access Hospitals is equal to the rate the hospital would have received if it had remained a Critical Access Hospital. This change is expected to have a minimal impact on state expenditures. Laws of Minnesota 2026, Chapter 127, Article 5, Section 12

For more information, please contact Susan Hammersten at (651) 431-4869 or e-mail: susan.hammersten@state.mn.us.

Effective July 1, 2026, authority for the supplemental Medicaid payment to the Hennepin County Mental Health Clinic is repealed. This change has no fiscal impact. Laws of Minnesota 2026, Chapter 127, Article 5, Section 17

For more information, please contact Susan Hammersten at (651) 431-4869 or e-mail: susan.hammersten@state.mn.us.

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)

Watershed Division

Notice of Availability of the Draft Cannon River Watershed Restoration and Protection Strategy (WRAPS) Report Update 2026 and Request for Comment

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) produced this report to set pollution reduction goals and strategies for the watershed, and is requesting written comments during the public comment period:

- Public comment period begins: June 29, 2026
- Public comment period ends: July 29, 2026

Comments may be submitted to the MPCA by the two methods below:

1. Online at www.pca.state.mn.us/publiccomments
2. U.S. Mail to the following address:

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
c/o Kristen Dieterman
7381 Airport View Dr SW
Rochester, MN 55902

The draft report is 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*.

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 Extended Request for Information (RFI) for lease of space for an Inpatient Supervised Living Facility

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the State of Minnesota, Department of Administration, on behalf of Direct Care and Treatment requests information on the availability to lease approximately 20,000 to 35,000 usable square feet of existing or newly constructed freestanding building for a 16 bed inpatient hospital or residential treatment facility or supervised living facility, within a 35 mile radius of the following cities: Annandale, Rochester, Baxter, Alexandria, Bemidji, Carlton, Hermantown, Duluth, Anoka, St. Peter, Wadena and Moose Lake.

All information and requirements regarding preparation and submission of information may be obtained at <https://mn.gov/admin/business/vendor-info/real-estate/solicitations-announcements.jsp>

RESPONSES TO THIS RFI ARE EXTENDED THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2026.

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 Historical Society (MNHS)

Request for Bids for Snake River Fur Post Visitor Center Roof Replacement

The Minnesota Historical Society (MNHS) is soliciting proposals from qualified consultants (Consultant) to work collaboratively with MNHS to provide design services for replacing cedar roofs on the Visitor Center and other support structures at the Snake River Fur Post located at 12551 Voyageur Lane, Pine City, MN 55063.

The Request for Bid and other documents are available by contacting Mary Green Toussaint, Contract and

State Contracts

Purchasing Manager, Minnesota Historical Society, by email only: mary.green-toussaint@mnhs.org

There will be a **MANDATORY** pre-bid meeting for all interested parties on **Wednesday, July 8, 2026, at 9:00am. Local Time** at the **Snake River Fur Post, 12551 Voyageur Lane, Pine City, MN 55063.**

All bids must be received by Mary Green Toussaint, Contract and Purchasing Manager, mary.green-toussaint@mnhs.org, no later than **2 p.m. Local Time Thursday, July 23, 2026.**

There will be no public bid opening. Late bids will not be considered.

Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) Request for Proposal (RFP) for Logo Sign Franchise Program

Notice of availability of Partnership Agreement for MnDOT's Logo Sign Franchise Program. Responses to this advertisement become public information under the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act. This request does not obligate the State of Minnesota Department of Transportation to complete the work contemplated in this notice, and the department reserves the right to cancel this request for proposal. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice shall be borne by the responder.

The Minnesota Department of Transportation is requesting proposals to partner in the operation of the Logo Sign Franchise Program on Interstate highways and certain controlled access highways in Minnesota. The Program provides for blue highway signs with individual logos for businesses that provide motorist services (gas, food, lodging, camping, and 24-hour pharmacies) and eligible attractions. MnDOT implements the program by partnership agreement with a qualified firm. The current contract expires December 31, 2026.

A full Request for Proposals is available at MnDOT's Consultant Services Website located at: <http://www.dot.state.mn.us/consult/notices.html>

Responses must be received must be electronically submitted via e-mail to tayllor.mcginis@state.mn.us no later than 2:00PM, Central Time, 7/02/2026. Late responses will not be considered.

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.

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The State Register also serves as a central marketplace for contracts let out on bid by the public sector. The *State Register* meets state and federal guidelines for statewide circulation of public notices. Any tax-supported institution or government jurisdiction may advertise contracts and requests for proposals from the private sector. It is recommended that contracts and RFPs include the following: 1) name of contact person; 2) institution name, address, and telephone number; 3) brief description of commodity, project or tasks; 4) cost estimate; and 5) final submission date of completed contract proposal. Allow at least three weeks from publication date (four weeks from the date article is submitted for publication). Surveys show that subscribers are interested in hearing about contracts for estimates as low as \$1,000. Contact editor for further details.

Besides the following listing, readers are advised to check: <https://mn.gov/admin/osp> as well as the Office of Grants Management (OGM) at: <https://mn.gov/admin/citizen/grants/>.

Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) Notice of Call for Bids for 2026 EMC Life Safety Infrastructure Program

Airport Location: Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
Project Name: 2026 EMC Life Safety Infrastructure Program
MAC Contract No.: 106-2-1145
Bids Close At: 2:00 PM on July 14, 2026
Bid Opening Conference Call: 3:00 PM on July 14, 2026
Teleconference Dial In #: 1-612-405-6798
Conference ID #: 897 927 742#

Notice to Contractors: Electronic Bid Submission for the project listed above will be received by the MAC, a public corporation, via *QuestCDN's website* until the official time and date as displayed in QuestCDN Online.

Note: You can sign up on our portal (<https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com>) to receive email notifications of new business opportunities.

Small Businesses (SB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of Small Businesses on this project is 9%.

Bid Security: Each bid shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" in the form of a certified check made payable to the MAC in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, or a surety bond in the same amount, running to the MAC, with the surety company thereon duly authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota.

Availability of Construction Documents: Plans and specifications are available at QuestCDN Online indicated below and at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; Rochester Builders Exchange; Dodge Data and Analytics; and NAMC-UM Plan Room. Bidders desiring drawings and specifications for personal use may secure a complete digital set at the *QuestCDN website*. Bidders may download the complete set of digital documents for \$22.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, by entering eBidDoc™ #10239208 in the "Search Projects" page. Contact Quest Construction Data Network at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance. Hard copy drawings and specifications will not be made available to Bidders. Bid documents for this project may be viewed for no cost at QuestCDN Online. For this project, bids will **ONLY** be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$42.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN Online.

MAC Internet Access of Additional Information: A comprehensive Notice of Call for Bids for this project will be available on June 22, 2026, at MAC's web address of <https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com>.

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Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)

Notice of Call for Bids for 2026 Terminal 1 Tug Drive Waterproofing

Airport Location: Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
Project Name: 2026 Terminal 1 Tug Drive Waterproofing
MAC Contract No.: 106-2-1112
Bids Close At: 2:00 PM on July 14, 2026
Bid Opening Conference Call: 3:00 PM on July 14, 2026
Teleconference Dial In #: 1-612-405-6798
Conference ID #: 897 927 742#

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Small Businesses (SB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of Small Businesses on this project is 19%.

Bid Security: Each bid shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" in the form of a certified check made payable to the MAC in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, or a surety bond in the same amount, running to the MAC, with the surety company thereon duly authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota.

Project Labor Agreement: This project is subject to the MAC's Project Labor Agreement requirements. A copy of the Project Labor Agreement and Contract Riders are included in the Appendix D.

Availability of Construction Documents: Plans and specifications are available at QuestCDN Online indicated below and at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; Rochester Builders Exchange; Dodge Data and Analytics; and NAMC-UM Plan Room. Bidders desiring drawings and specifications for personal use may secure a complete digital set at the *QuestCDN website*. Bidders may download the complete set of digital documents for \$22.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, by entering eBidDoc™ #10197509 in the "Search Projects" page. Contact Quest Construction Data Network at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance. Hard copy drawings and specifications will not be made available to Bidders. Bid documents for this project may be viewed for no cost at QuestCDN Online. For this project, bids will ONLY be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$42.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN Online.

MAC Internet Access of Additional Information: A comprehensive Notice of Call for Bids for this project will be available on June 22, 2026, at MAC's web address of <https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com>.

Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC)

Notice of Call for Bids for 2026 Passenger Boarding Bridge Replacements – Phase 2

Airport Location: Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
Project Name: 2026 Passenger Boarding Bridge Replacements – Phase 2
MAC Contract No.: 106-2-1167
Bids Close At: 2:00 PM on July 14, 2026
Bid Opening Conference Call: 3:00 PM on July 14, 2026
Teleconference Dial In #: 1-612-405-6798
Conference ID #: 897 927 742#

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Small Businesses (SB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of Small Businesses on this project is 8%.

Bid Security: Each bid shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" in the form of a certified check made payable to the MAC in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, or a surety bond in the same amount, running to the MAC, with the surety company thereon duly authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota.

Project Labor Agreement: This project is subject to the MAC's Project Labor Agreement requirements. A copy of the Project Labor Agreement and Contract Riders are included in the Appendix D.

Availability Of Construction Documents: Plans and specifications are available at QuestCDN Online indicated below and at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; Rochester Builders Exchange; Dodge Data and Analytics; and NAMC-UM Plan Room. Bidders desiring drawings and specifications for personal use may secure a complete digital set at the *QuestCDN website*. Bidders may download the complete set of digital documents for \$22.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, by entering eBidDoc™ #10250465 in the "Search Projects" page. Contact Quest Construction Data Network at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance. Hard copy drawings and specifications will not be made available to Bidders. Bid documents for this project may be viewed for no cost at QuestCDN Online. For this project, bids will ONLY be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$42.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN Online.

MAC Internet Access of Additional Information: A comprehensive Notice of Call for Bids for this project will be available on June 29, 2026, at MAC's web address of <https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com>.

Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) Notice of Call for Bids for 2026 Terminal 2 Aircraft Parking and Guidance

Airport Location:	Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport
Project Name:	2026 Terminal 2 Aircraft Parking and Guidance
MAC Contract No.:	106-3-719
Bids Close At:	2:00 PM on July 14, 2026
Bid Opening Conference Call:	3:00 PM on July 14, 2026
Teleconference Dial In #:	1-612-405-6798
Conference ID #:	897 927 742#

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Small Businesses (SB): The goal of the MAC for the utilization of Small Businesses on this project is 12%.

Bid Security: Each bid shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" in the form of a certified check made payable to the MAC in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, or a surety bond in the same amount, running to the MAC, with the surety company thereon duly authorized to do business in the State of Minnesota.

Availability of Construction Documents: Plans and specifications are available at QuestCDN Online indicated

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below and at the Minnesota Builders Exchange; Rochester Builders Exchange; Dodge Data and Analytics; and NAMC-UM Plan Room. Bidders desiring drawings and specifications for personal use may secure a complete digital set at the **QuestCDN website**. Bidders may download the complete set of digital documents for \$22.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, by entering eBidDoc™ #10185261 in the “Search Projects” page. Contact Quest Construction Data Network at (952) 233-1632 or info@questcdn.com for assistance. Hard copy drawings and specifications will not be made available to Bidders. Bid documents for this project may be viewed for no cost at QuestCDN Online. For this project, bids will **ONLY** be received electronically. Contractors submitting an electronic bid will be charged an additional \$42.00, or other fee as determined by QuestCDN, at the time of bid submission via the online electronic bid service QuestCDN Online.

MAC Internet Access of Additional Information: A comprehensive Notice of Call for Bids for this project will be available on June 29, 2026, at MAC’s web address of <https://metroairports.bonfirehub.com>.

Metropolitan Emergency Services Board (MESB) Request for Proposals for Consultant for Feasibility & Cost Effectiveness Study for Regional Shared 9-1-1 PSAP Technology

The Metropolitan Emergency Services Board (MESB) is soliciting proposals for professional and technical services to conduct a study of the feasibility and cost effectiveness of shared 9-1-1 technology for the 24 public safety answering points (PSAPs) in the ten-county Minneapolis/St. Paul metropolitan region.

To see full Request for Proposals document go to www.mn-mesb.org. All questions and correspondence must be directed to Jill Rohret, Executive Director, in writing at jrohret@mn-mesb.org.

Proposals are due by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2026.

Metropolitan Emergency Services Board (MESB) Request for Proposals for Audit Services

The Metropolitan Emergency Services Board (MESB) is soliciting proposals from qualified firms of certified public accountants to audit the MESB’s financial statements for the fiscal year ending on December 31, 2026, with the option of auditing the MESB’s financial statements for the four subsequent fiscal years.

To see full Request for Proposals document go to www.mn-mesb.org. All questions and correspondence must be directed to Jill Rohret, Executive Director, in writing at jrohret@mn-mesb.org.

Proposals are due by 4:00 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2026.

