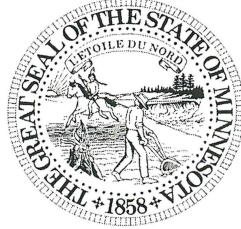


STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT



MARK DAYTON
GOVERNOR

Executive Order 15-15

Creating the Governor's Committee to Advise the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

I, Mark Dayton, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by virtue of the power vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Executive Order:

Whereas, the State of Minnesota is committed to engaging with the citizens of Minnesota on issues related to environmental protection in the State;

Whereas, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) was created in 1967 and since that time its legal structure included a Citizen's Board consisting of the commissioner of the MPCA and eight members of the public;

Whereas, it is in the best interests of Minnesotans that there remain a forum for public input, discussion, and debate on important and controversial environmental issues and decisions affecting Minnesotans and their communities around the state; and

Whereas, it is also beneficial, for transparent and deliberate decision-making on important issues affecting Minnesota's environment and human health, that a citizen's advisory committee be created to provide advice and counsel to the commissioner of the MPCA.

Now, Therefore, I hereby order that:

1. The Governor's Committee to Advise the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (Committee) is established;
2. The Committee shall consist of eight members appointed by the Governor, and shall be chaired by the Commissioner of the MPCA;

3. The membership terms, compensation, removal of members, and filling of vacancies on the Committee shall be as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059;
4. The Committee may advise the commissioner of the MPCA prior to final decisions on matters that are within the scope of the MPCA's statutory authority, including but not limited to: environmental review, permitting, rulemaking, and variances to existing rules; and
5. The commissioner shall establish timelines, protocols, and procedures for convening the Committee, and for receiving and responding to the Committee's advice for the matters described above. The commissioner shall develop these protocols and procedures by September 30, 2015.

This Executive Order is effective fifteen days after publication in the State Register and filing with the Secretary of State, and shall remain in effect until rescinded by proper authority or until it expires in accordance with Minnesota Statutes, section 4.035, subdivision 3.

In Testimony Whereof, I have set my hand on this 4th day of August, 2015.



Mark Dayton
Governor

Filed According to Law:



Steve Simon
Secretary of State