



March 3, 2022

The Honorable Rick Hansen
Chair, House Environment & Natural Resources
Finance and Policy Committee

The Honorable Josh Heintzeman
Ranking Minority Member, House Environment &
Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee

The Honorable Bill Ingebrigtsen
Chair, Senate Environment and Natural Resources
Finance Committee

The Honorable Patricia Torres Ray
Ranking Minority Member, Environment and
Natural Resources Finance Committee
Saint Paul, MN 55155

The Honorable Carrie Ruud
Chair, Senate Environment and Natural Resources
Policy and Legacy Finance Committee

The Honorable Foug Hawj
Ranking Minority Member, Senate Environment and
Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance
Committee

RE: Support for HF3627/SF3359 for the Creation of a Pig's Eye Landfill Task Force

Dear Committee Chairs and Ranking Minority Members:

The Clean Water Council is a state advisory council created in 2006 to advise on the implementation of the Clean Water Legacy Act. The Governor appoints its 17 voting members from a variety of constituencies, including cities, counties, townships, soil and water conservation districts, watershed districts, environmental organizations, farm organizations, hunting and fishing organizations, business organizations, and tribal governments.

At its meeting on Monday, February 28th, the Clean Water Council unanimously expressed support for the creation of the Pig's Eye Landfill Task Force as outlined in HF3627 and SF3359. The Council also supports the use of funding sources other than the Clean Water Fund for the Task Force.

The legacy pollution on this site along the Mississippi River poses a major environmental hazard. Since multiple jurisdictions have some role in the cleanup efforts, a task force that can coordinate efforts will be critical.

Please let me know if you have any questions at (651) 757-2384 or paul.gardner@state.mn.us.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Paul Gardner'.

Paul Gardner
Administrator, Clean Water Council