



### One Minnesota Budget Implementation

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#### One Minnesota Budget: By the numbers

- More than 4,000 pages of session law were enacted in 2023 session.
- That's nearly quadruple the number of pages enacted in 2022 and almost double the number enacted in 2021.
- In those 4,000 pages there are more than 250 complex and/or high-profile projects across state agencies.
- MPCA has been gearing up to implement many new projects on climate, PFAS management, and environmental justice, among many others.



#### One Minnesota Budget

The Walz-Flanagan Administration is working together across agencies to make Minnesota the best state for kids and families.

- 2023 One Minnesota Budget: over \$100 million dollars in climate resiliency
- MPCA is already sharing these funds to help communities across our state prepare for climate change.







## MPCA Environmental Justice update

### Cumulative impacts

- Kickoff with public comments and meetings in EJ communities
- Now in development phase to create criteria for new law
- Hosting co-learning sessions with national experts



#### Cumulative impacts rulemaking timeline

We are here

July 24 - October 6, 2023

#### Scope

- Request for comments
- Five community meetings

October 2023 -April 2026

#### **Development**

- Define and create cumulative impacts analysis, community benefit agreement, stressors, substantial adverse impact
- Numerous community meetings, working sessions, stakeholder surveys

May 2026 - August 2026

# Final public comments and legal review

 Administrative hearing Estimated: Fall 2026

Adoption and implementation

#### Community Air Monitoring Program

- Public feedback period ended recently.
- Received comments from community organizations and residents on how to implement the program.
- Grant program is expected to launch in the coming months.



### Air Toxics rulemaking

- New rules to regulate air emissions from facilities in the seven-county metro
- Currently reviewing existing rules in other states and looking for public feedback

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# MPCA PFAS update



# Prohibitions on intentionally added PFAS in products

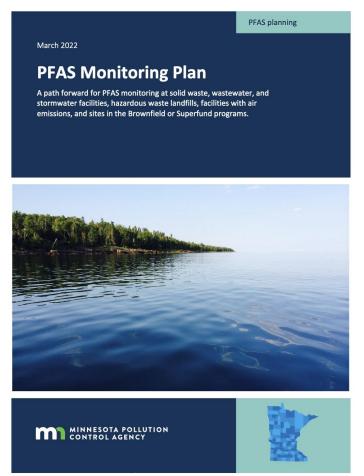
#### **Amara's Law**

July 1, 2020	January 1, 2024	January 1, 2025	January 1, 2026	January 1, 2032
Use of PFAS in firefighting foam for testing or training	PFAS in food packaging  PFAS in firefighting foam, with exceptions	PFAS in 11 product categories	PFAS reporting requirements begin	All other currently avoidable PFAS

#### Statewide strategic response

Minnesota's PFAS
Blueprint supports
a holistic and
systematic approach
to address PFAS





### MPCA drinking water grants

- \$22 million appropriated in 2023 session for grants to address PFAS in drinking water.
- Applications are being accepted now through Friday, June 28, 2024.









## MPCA Climate update

#### Climate Resilient Communities Grant Program

- \$100 million to prepare our infrastructure for climate change.
- First grantees to be announced soon.
- Projects include flood planning and stormwater reuse.
- Applications for \$35 million stormwater grants now open.



#### Waste reduction grants

- \$22 million for waste reduction, recycling, and composting across MN
- First grant opened in Oct '23 for waste reduction and reuse
- FY24 grants focus on reducing food waste, organics management, sustainable building materials, and developing markets for recycled materials







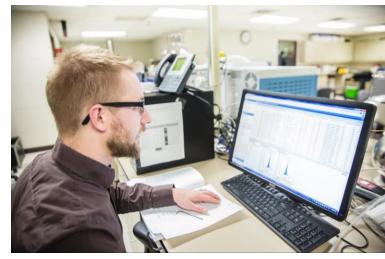
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# Implementation Capacity





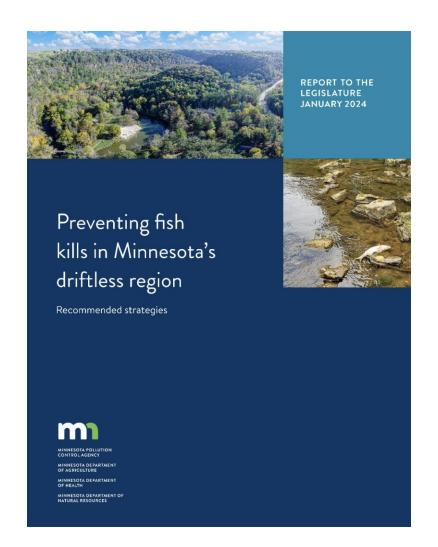






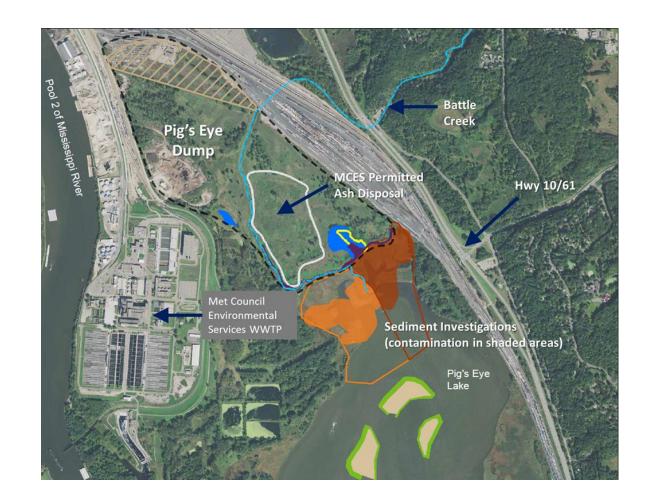
#### Preventing fish kills

- Report to Legislature included recommendations for preventing fish kills in southeastern Minnesota
  - Expand liquid manure storage capacity
  - Support cover crop cost-share funding
  - Restrict use of manure on flood plain, unless incorporated
  - Study effectiveness of set-back on flood plain
  - Study methods to reduce runoff from hay fields
  - Hire feedlot staff for SE Minnesota
- Interagency implementation of protocol to respond to fish kills in SE Minnesota



### Pigs Eye Taskforce

- Pigs Eye Task force convened to remediate and restore this area.
- Address PFAS in Battle Creek,
   Pig's Eye Lake, and groundwater.
- Task force will report out to the legislature by Feb. 15, 2026.



### Back story: Pigs Eye Taskforce

- 1956-1972: largest <u>unpermitted</u> dump in Minnesota
- 1977-1985: Ash disposal
- 1989: Superfund site
- 2000-2005: cleanup, drum removal
- 2006-2018: Investigation



#### Microplastic and nanoplastic pollution

- Testing groundwater, surface water, public drinking water, and private wells.
- Developing sampling, testing, and analysis protocols.
- Millions of tons of plastic discarded globally annually, posing a concern for human health and the environment



# Thank you

