



S.F. No. 4362 – Emerging Contaminants Grant Program Changes – as proposed to be amended by the A-1 Delete Everything amendment

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Section 1 [Drinking Water Contaminants Grants; 446A.082] makes changes to an existing grant program that addresses drinking water contaminants, by expanding the ways that a project might qualify, adding ways for a project to obtain priority points, and removing a subtraction for federal funding when determining the maximum grant allowed for a project.

Subd. 1. Program established. Authorizes use of grants under the drinking water contaminants grant program for a confirmed exceedance of maximum contaminant level as defined by the federal Safe Drinking Water Act for a drinking water emerging contaminant.

Subd. 2. Eligibility. Adds conditions that result in priority points. Current law cross-references a Minnesota Rule 4720.9020, subpart 4a, for how priority points are awarded. This section adds two additional conditions or bases for awarding priority points. Subpart 2 authorizes up to 100 priority points for a project with any of several violations of federal rules within the previous 36 months: an “acute violation” under federal rules; a violation of the nitrate or nitrite maximum contaminant level set by federal rule; a waterborne disease outbreak, or for exceeding a maximum contaminant level set by federal rule for E. Coli.

Subd. 3. Application and reservation of funds. No changes.

Subd. 4. Grant amount. Under current law, the amount of a grant under this program is capped at 50 percent of the eligible as-bid project cost up to \$5,000,000, reduced by the amount of federal funds received under specified programs. This section eliminates the subtraction of the federal funds amount, thereby allowing a grant award for up to 50 percent of the eligible as-bid project cost up to \$5,000,000.

Subd. 5. Grant approval. No changes.

Subd. 6. Grant disbursement. No changes.

Subd. 7. Recovering expenses. No changes.



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