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# Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

*Office of the Commissioner*

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The Honorable John Marty, Chair  
Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee  
323 State Capitol

The Honorable Dallas Sams, Chair  
Senate Environment, Agriculture and Economic Development Budget Division  
328 State Capitol

The Honorable Tom Hackbarth, Chair  
House Environment and Natural Resources Policy Committee  
409 State Office Building

The Honorable Dennis Ozment, Chair  
House Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee  
479 State Office Building

Dear Committee Chairs,

I am pleased to enclose a report to the Legislature titled *County Environmental Reporting Requirements*. This report was prepared by the Pollution Control Agency, Department of Natural Resources, Office of Environmental Assistance, and Board of Water and Soil Resources to fulfill the requirements of Minnesota Laws 2003, Chapter 128, Article 1, Section 163 (a).

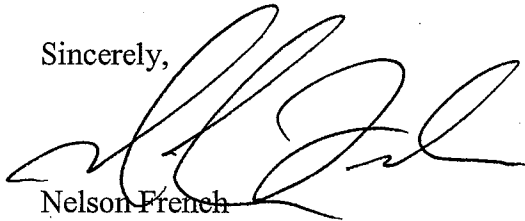
Specifically, this report fulfills the requirement that the agencies, by September 1, 2003, report to the chairs of the senate environment and natural resources committee, the senate environment, agriculture, and economic development budget division, house environment and natural resources policy committee, and house environment and natural resources finance committee on all of our reporting requirements that apply to counties.

This report is the precursor to a second report that the agencies, in collaboration with the Association of Minnesota Counties, will submit to the Legislature by January 15, 2004 providing recommendations on streamlining and coordinating county reporting requirements.

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If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Steve Woods of the Board of Water and Soil Resources at (651)297-7748, Bob Meier of the Office of Environmental Assistance at (651)215-0206, Laurie Martinson of the Department of Natural Resources at (651)215-6069 or me at (651)296-7002.

Sincerely,



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Steve Woods, Board of Water and Soil Resources  
Laurie Martinson, Department of Natural Resources  
Bob Meier, Office of Environmental Assistance

County Reporting Requirements Consolidation and Streamling Report

Report Name	Statutory Reference	Lead Agency	Description
SCORE Report	115A.551, subd. 4	MOEA	SCORE Report - The OEA is required to monitor and report to the Legislature on the counties recycling programs.
Solid Waste revenues and expenditures	115A.929	MOEA	Report on the revenues collected from solid waste fees.
HHW reporting	Contract requirement	MOEA	Counties were required by the MPCA to submit program information to fulfill contract requirements
Annual County Feedlot Program Report	MN Rules 7020.1600 subpart 2 item J	MPCA	The report shows the amount of feedlot regulatory work done by a county in the calendar year in the areas of conducting inspections, issuing permits, maintaining feedlot registration, and in providing technical assistance and educational outreach.
ISTS Annual Report	MS 115.55 - .56; MN Rules 7080.0310 subp. 5	MPCA	Local Units of Government with an ISTS ordinance must report ISTS permitting and inspection activities to the agency.
Wetland Conservation Act	MS 103G/MR 8420	BWSR	Counties perform wetland regulatory functions related to state "no net loss" policy
Local Water Management	MS 103B	BWSR	Counties engage in voluntary water management activities and receive state grants to implement
Shoreland Grant Reporting	MS 103F	BWSR	(DNR program - money goes out through BWSR)
ISTS		BWSR	(PCA program - money goes out through BWSR)
Shoreland Administrative Reports	MS 103F, Minn. Rules 6120.3900	DNR	Counties, cities and townships with approved ordinances submit reports as required.
Flood Plain	CFR 63A and B	DNR	DNR audits (community assessment visits) 30-60 local government flood plain programs for FEMA annually. Not all LGUs must do a report annually.
Timber Sales/ Tax Forfeited Lands	MS 282.04 subd. 1	DNR	Counties submit a report on the appraised value of timber on tax-forfeited lands. This provision applies only when the land or the timber will be sold.
Tax-Forfeited Lands Certification Report	MS 477A.12, Subd. 2	DNR	Requires counties to submit a report during July of each year certifying the number of acres of tax-forfeited land for payment (PILT) under the law.

