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RE: Annual Report on Obsolete, Unnecessary, or Duplicative Rules as Required by
Minnesota Statutes Section 14.05, Subdivision 5.

Dear Governor Pawlenty, Senators, Representatives and Revisor Timmons:

Minnesota Statutes, section 14.05, subdivision 5, directs state agencies to report to you by December 1 of each year whether any of their rules are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules.

The Minnesota Department of Commerce has reviewed its rules. Except for the provisions discussed below, we can identify no rules that are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative and that should be repealed.

In last year's report, we identified Minnesota Rules chapters 7635 and 7655 as being obsolete, unnecessary and duplicative of other federal statutes or rules. (A copy of last year's report is attached for your reference.) Legislation was introduced in the 2005 session by the department to remove these obsolete rules and related statutes. While we thought there would be no opposition to this legislative proposal, two parties objected to the repeal of these rule chapters. The department was unable to reach an agreement with one of the parties during the last legislative session, and consequently withdrew the legislative proposal to allow more time for discussion. The department believes that agreement will be reached this year, and if so, the department will introduce legislation in the 2006 session that addresses the repeal of these two chapters.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact:

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