



November 30, 2021

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

Dear Governor Walz, Senators, Representatives, and Revisor Inman:

The Environmental Quality Board respectfully submits its annual report on obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative rules.

Minn. Stat. § 14.05, subd. 5, states:

*“By December 1 of each year, an agency must submit to the governor, the Legislative Coordinating Commission, the policy and funding committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the agency, and the revisor of statutes, a list of any rules or portions of rules that are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules. The list must also include an explanation of why the rule or portion of the rule is obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules. By December 1, the agency must either report a timetable for repeal of the rule or portion of the rule, or must develop a bill for submission to the appropriate policy committee to repeal the obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative rule. Such a bill must include proposed authorization to use the expedited procedures of section [14.389](#) to repeal or amend the obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative rule. A report submitted under this subdivision must be signed by the person in the agency who is responsible for identifying and initiating repeal of obsolete rules. The report also must identify the status of any rules identified in the prior year's report as obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative. If none of an agency's rules are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative, an agency's December 1 report must state that conclusion.”*

The Environmental Quality Board has conducted a review of its rules and has not identified any obsolete, unnecessary or duplicative rules in 2021. The Environmental Quality Board conducted a housekeeping rulemaking (R-04157) that identified and resolved obsolete, unnecessary or duplicative rules in 2019. This rulemaking (R-04157) was finalized in December 2019.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please feel free to contact me at 651-757-2524 or [katie.pratt@state.mn.us](mailto:katie.pratt@state.mn.us).



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