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90-Day and 150-Day Permit Decision Goals

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Background

The mission of the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) is to work with Minnesotans to conserve and manage the state's natural resources, to provide outdoor recreation opportunities, and to provide for commercial uses of natural resources in a way that creates a sustainable quality of life. The DNR uses a wide range of programs to fulfill this mission, including permitting programs established by the Minnesota Legislature. Many of these have been in place for decades, while others are more recent. It is important to review regulatory programs over time to ensure that they continue to address the needs of the state. The DNR is committed to maintaining a modern, efficient, and effective regulatory system.

This report meets the requirements of Minnesota Statute (MS) 84.027, Subd. 14a.

Scope of Report: Environmental and Natural Resource Permits

The DNR is reporting on the following natural resource permits:

- Aquatic plant management permits
- Invasive aquatic plant management permits
- Water appropriation permits
- Public waters work permits
- Endangered or threatened species taking permits
- Metallic mineral mining permits (ferrous and non-ferrous)
- Peat mining permits

These permits are relevant to the concerns underlying MS 84.027 Subd. 14a. This report does not include other DNR permit programs that focus mainly on recreational activities, such as hunting and fishing.

Summary Statistics for 90-Day and 150-Day Goal Attainment

The DNR's goal is to approve or deny permit applications within 90 days of receiving a complete Tier 1 permit application or within 150 days of receiving a complete Tier 2 permit application. Tier 1 permit applications include general permit authorizations for work in public waters, in addition to water appropriation and aquatic plant management permit renewals that do not require a site inspection. The remaining permit types fall into Tier 2 and are subject to the 150-day goal. The DNR manages many permit applications. DNR permitting activity for fiscal year 2026 included:

- 1,127 permit applications in progress on July 1, 2025
- 1,197 applications in progress after June 30, 2026
- 10,560 new applications received
- 9,716 applications approved or denied
- 774 applications withdrawn

DNR continues to do well in meeting the permitting goals. 96.8% of Tier 1 permits were approved or denied within 90 days of receiving a complete application and 93.3% of Tier 2 permits were approved or denied within 150 days of receiving a complete application. Low staffing levels contributed to several permit delays due to vacancies and workload capacity issues. Permits with complex technical issues can take significant staff time to resolve, which can reduce the total hours available to process other applications. Other delays resulted from incomplete or inaccurate permit applications, or the need for additional information, environmental review, or resolution of compliance or technical issues. In some cases, the permit application was submitted in advance of a particular season but was not processed until closer to that season's start or when seasonal conditions allowed certain requirements to be met.

Table 1 summarizes how well DNR met the 90-day goal for Tier 1 applications and Table 2 summarizes how well DNR met the 150-day goal for Tier 2 applications.

Table 1 Summary: Tier 1 Permits (90-day goal):

Of the 6,101 Tier 1 permit applications for which a decision was made in fiscal year 2026:

- 93.3% (5,691) were approved or denied within 90 days of receiving the initial application,
- 96.8% (5,904) were approved or denied within 90 days of receiving a complete application, and
- 3.2% (197) took longer than 90 days to approve or deny following a complete application.

Table 2 Summary: Tier 2 Permits (150-day goal):

Of the 3,615 Tier 2 permit applications for which a decision was made in fiscal year 2026:

- 87.5% (3,163) were approved or denied within 150 days of receiving an initial application,
- 93.3% (3,372) were approved or denied within 150 days of receiving a complete application, and
- 6.7% (243) took longer than 150 days to approve or deny following a complete application.

Table 3 details the causes of delay for the 197 Tier 1 permit decisions that took more than 90 days from a complete application for a DNR decision.

Table 4 details the causes of delay for the 243 Tier 2 permit decisions that took more than 150 days from a complete application for a DNR decision.

Summary for Tier 1 Permits (90-day Goal)

Table 1: Summary statistics for Tier 1 permits where a decision was made in FY26 (7/1/2025-6/30/2026).

Permit Program	Permit Applications Received	Active Applications (carried over from previous period)	Permit Applications Deemed Complete	Total Decisions Made	Decisions Made within 90 Days (from initial application)	Decisions Exceeding 90 Days (from initial application but within 90 days of a complete application)	Decisions Exceeding 90 Days (from a complete application)	Withdrawn Applications	Active Applications (at the end of reporting period)	Median Days to Decision from Complete Application (new applications)	Median days to Decision from Complete Application (permit modifications)
Water Appropriations[1]	508	68	529	446	407	18	21	76	54	8	0
Public Waters Work[1]	210	58	228	219	145	57	17	10	39	38	1
Aquatic Plant Management[2]	5,580	99	5,577	5,436	5,139	138	159	138	105	0	3
Invasive Aquatic Plant Management	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A

[1] New permit applications are assumed to be Tier 2 but may later be classified as Tier 1 (general permit authorization permit class) during permit evaluation that occurs after the reporting period. When this happens, the value for "applications at the end of reporting period" from a prior report will not match the value of "Active applications carried over from previous period" on the current report.

[2] Aquatic plant management permits include restoration permits.

Permit Program	Permit Applications Received	Active Applications (carried over from previous period)	Permit Applications Deemed Complete	Total Decisions Made	Decisions Made within 90 Days (from initial application)	Decisions Exceeding 90 Days (from initial application but within 90 days of a complete application)	Decisions Exceeding 90 Days (from a complete application)	Withdrawn Applications	Active Applications (at the end of reporting period)	Median Days to Decision from Complete Application (new applications)	Median days to Decision from Complete Application (permit modifications)
Endangered Species Takings	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Mine – Iron Ore and Taconite	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Mine – Non-Ferrous Metallic Minerals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Mine – Peat	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Total	**6,298**	**225**	**6,334**	**6,101**	**5,691**	**213**	**197**	**224**	**198**	**N/A**	**N/A**

Summary for Tier 2 Permits (150-day Goal)

Table 2: Summary statistics for Tier 2 permits where a decision was made in FY26 (7/1/2025-6/30/2026).

Permit Program	Permit Applications Received	Active Applications (carried over from previous period)	Permit Applications Deemed Complete	Total Decisions Made	Decisions Made within 150 Days (from initial application)	Decisions Exceeding 150 Days (from initial application but within 150 days of a complete application)	Decisions Exceeding 150 Days (from a complete application)	Withdrawn Applications	Active Applications (at the end of reporting period)	Median Days to Decision from Complete Application (new applications)	Median days to Decision from Complete Application (permit modifications)
Water Appropriations[3]	515	230	520	456	328	46	82	83	206	77	5
Public Waters Work[3]	537	231	546	438	336	74	28	111	219	40	30
Aquatic Plant Management[4]	2,452	354	2,487	2,107	1,940	36	131	259	440	24	0
Invasive Aquatic Plant Management	661	48	648	533	502	31	0	90	86	0	0

[3] New permit applications are assumed to be Tier 2 but may later be classified as Tier 1 (general permit authorization permit class) during permit evaluation that occurs after the reporting period. When this happens, the value for "applications at the end of reporting period" from a prior report will not match the value of "Active applications carried over from previous period" on the current report.

[4] Aquatic Plant Management permits include Restoration permits.

Permit Program	Permit Applications Received	Active Applications (carried over from previous period)	Permit Applications Deemed Complete	Total Decisions Made	Decisions Made within 150 Days (from initial application)	Decisions Exceeding 150 Days (from initial application but within 150 days of a complete application)	Decisions Exceeding 150 Days (from a complete application)	Withdrawn Applications	Active Applications (at the end of reporting period)	Median Days to Decision from Complete Application (new applications)	Median days to Decision from Complete Application (permit modifications)
Endangered Species Takings[5]	93	27	84	80	57	21	2	7	33	18	2
Mine – Iron Ore and Taconite	2	10	1	1	0	1	0	0	11	N/A	126
Mine – Non-Ferrous Metallic Minerals	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	N/A	N/A
Mine – Peat	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	NA	NA
Total	**4,262**	**902**	**4,286**	**3,615**	**3,163**	**209**	**243**	**550**	**999**	**N/A**	**N/A**

[5] Active applications carried over from the previous period includes an application received in FY25 but not reported in the FY25 report.

Causes for Delay on Permit Decisions Taking Longer than 90 Days (Tier 1 Permits)[6]

Table 3: All permits that took longer than 90 days with reason for the delay.

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[7]
10F-10732	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
14F-10636	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
14F-10641	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
14F-10946	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
14F-11094	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
15F-10157	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-10071	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission

[6] Tier 1 permits where a decision took longer than 90 days from a complete application.

[7] "Early Submission" indicates that the permit application was likely received well in advance of the permitting season, which is typical of Aquatic Plant Management permits, however other reasons may also contribute to delays.

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[7]
16F-10112	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-10113	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-10144	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-10350	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-1A0174A	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-1A0549	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-1A0951	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-1B1199	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2016-1856	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2017-0241	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2017-3069	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2017-3369	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2018-1142	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2018-1738	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2018-2599	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[7]
2018-2818	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2018-2921	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2019-2827	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2020-0301	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2020-0821	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2020-0868	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2020-0905	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2020-0918	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2020-1084	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2020-1905	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2020-2548	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2022-0635	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2022-1311	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2022-1860	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2022-2718	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[7]
2022-2778	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2022-2940	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2022-3179	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2023-1675	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2023-1690	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2023-1777	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2023-2052	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2024-1622	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2024-1657	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
12F-10850	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
14F-11085	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-10197	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-10241	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-1A0917	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-1A0917	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[7]
16F-1A0918	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-1A0919	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-1A1019	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-1B0408	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-1B0646	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2016-1563	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2017-2101	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2017-2616	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2017-3008	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2019-2847	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2019-2993	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2020-2000	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2022-2730	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2022-2992	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2023-0792	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[7]
2023-1673	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2023-2468	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2023-2890	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2023-3015	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2024-2448	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2024-2476	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2024-2426	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2025-2193	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-10096	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-10406	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-1A0105	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2017-0382	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2017-2034	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2019-2726	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2020-0941	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Renewed					Early Submission

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2020-1933	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2021-3211	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2022-0412	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2023-1748	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2023-2275	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2023-2765	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2025-1897	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2025-2610	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
14F-10262	Aquatic Plant Management	3	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-10322	Aquatic Plant Management	3	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-10326	Aquatic Plant Management	3	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-1A0797	Aquatic Plant Management	3	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2017-0834	Aquatic Plant Management	3	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2017-1562	Aquatic Plant Management	3	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2017-2995	Aquatic Plant Management	3	Permit Renewed					Early Submission

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[7]
2020-0003	Aquatic Plant Management	3	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2020-1814	Aquatic Plant Management	3	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2023-1804	Aquatic Plant Management	3	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
14F-10951	Aquatic Plant Management	4	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2017-1963	Aquatic Plant Management	4	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2020-1379	Aquatic Plant Management	4	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2022-3158	Aquatic Plant Management	4	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2023-0986	Aquatic Plant Management	4	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2023-2680	Aquatic Plant Management	4	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2023-2923	Aquatic Plant Management	4	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2024-3068	Aquatic Plant Management	4	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2025-1411	Aquatic Plant Management	4	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2025-2340	Aquatic Plant Management	4	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
12F-10674	Aquatic Plant Management	5	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2017-0149	Aquatic Plant Management	5	Permit Renewed					Early Submission

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[7]
2017-2578	Aquatic Plant Management	5	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2018-1879	Aquatic Plant Management	5	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2020-2802	Aquatic Plant Management	5	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2020-3294	Aquatic Plant Management	5	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2021-1180	Aquatic Plant Management	5	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2020-2633	Aquatic Plant Management	5	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2022-3035	Aquatic Plant Management	6	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2024-1120	Aquatic Plant Management	6	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-10076	Aquatic Plant Management	7	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-1B0477	Aquatic Plant Management	7	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-1B0747	Aquatic Plant Management	7	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2017-1637	Aquatic Plant Management	7	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2019-2464	Aquatic Plant Management	7	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2023-2560	Aquatic Plant Management	7	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2017-1750	Aquatic Plant Management	8	Permit Renewed					Early Submission

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[7]
2025-2318	Aquatic Plant Management	9	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2020-1989	Aquatic Plant Management	9	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2022-0504	Aquatic Plant Management	9	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-3B367	Aquatic Plant Management	10	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2021-2680	Aquatic Plant Management	11	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2023-0624	Aquatic Plant Management	11	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-1A0672	Aquatic Plant Management	12	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-10421	Aquatic Plant Management	14	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2023-0216	Aquatic Plant Management	14	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2023-1441	Aquatic Plant Management	14	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2025-0238	Aquatic Plant Management	14	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-1A0105	Aquatic Plant Management	15	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2019-2313	Aquatic Plant Management	16	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2020-2095	Aquatic Plant Management	17	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2017-1883	Aquatic Plant Management	19	Permit Renewed					Early Submission

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[7]
2021-3464	Aquatic Plant Management	22	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2023-0680	Aquatic Plant Management	26	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2025-0881	Aquatic Plant Management	27	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2017-1883	Aquatic Plant Management	31	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2016-1928	Aquatic Plant Management	32	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2022-1860	Aquatic Plant Management	32	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2024-1969	Aquatic Plant Management	32	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2017-4155	Aquatic Plant Management	33	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2021-2192	Aquatic Plant Management	33	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
16F-1A0928	Aquatic Plant Management	34	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2018-0768	Aquatic Plant Management	38	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2022-1743	Aquatic Plant Management	40	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2022-3408	Aquatic Plant Management	57	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2023-2448	Aquatic Plant Management	335	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2022-0645	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[7]
2022-2572	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
14F010318	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					Early Submission
2024-0260	Water Appropriation	1	Amended					Complexity Of Permit Decision
2024-3311	Public Waters	1	Permit Issued			X		
2025-1034	Public Waters	1	Permit Issued			X		
2025-1172	Water Appropriation	1	Permit Issued		X			
2025-1173	Water Appropriation	1	Permit Issued		X			
2024-3024	Water Appropriation	3	Permit Issued	X				
2026-0170	Public Waters	3	Permit Issued		X			
2024-2586	Water Appropriation	5	Amended					Complexity Of Permit Decision
2025-3141	Water Appropriation	6	Permit Issued		X			
2024-3331	Public Waters	7	Permit Issued			X		External Review
2024-3289	Public Waters	8	Permit Issued			X		External Review
2024-3437	Water Appropriation	8	Permit Issued		X			
2024-3588	Public Waters	8	Permit Issued			X		

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[7]
2025-0517	Water Appropriation	9	Permit Issued					Seasonal Information Timing
2025-3316	Public Waters	9	Permit Issued		X			
2024-3328	Water Appropriation	12	Permit Issued	X				
2025-0519	Water Appropriation	12	Permit Issued					Seasonal Information Timing
2025-2673	Water Appropriation	12	Permit Issued		X			
2025-2837	Public Waters	13	Permit Issued					Internal Review
2025-3093	Water Appropriation	13	Permit Issued		X			
2025-3303	Public Waters	14	No Permit Needed		X			
2025-0550	Public Waters	16	Permit Issued		X			
2025-2815	Water Appropriation	17	Permit Issued		X			
2024-2992	Water Appropriation	18	Permit Issued					Seasonal Information Timing
2025-2765	Public Waters	21	Permit Issued					Internal Review
2025-2965	Water Appropriation	22	Permit Issued		X			
2016-0059	Water Appropriation	26	Transferred		X			
2025-2532	Water Appropriation	26	Permit Issued		X			
2025-2056	Public Waters	28	Permit Issued					Coordination with other

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								permitting authorities
2025-0009	Public Waters	38	Permit Issued		X			
2025-3403	Water Appropriation	39	Permit Issued		X			
2025-2966	Water Appropriation	43	Permit Issued		X			
2025-1792	Public Waters	62	Permit Issued		X			
2025-3369	Public Waters	65	Permit Issued		X			
2025-2125	Public Waters	73	No Permit Needed		X			
2024-0843	Water Appropriation	80	Permit Issued					Complexity Of Permit Decision
2025-0386	Public Waters	90	Permit Issued		X			
2024-2714	Water Appropriation	303	Permit Issued				X	

Causes for Delay on Permit Decisions Taking Longer than 150 Days (Tier 2 Permits)[8]

Table 4: All permits that took longer than 150 days with a reason for the delay.

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[9]
36022	Endangered Species Takings	637	Issued		X			New type of permit that required additional research, a new process, and the development of new evaluation criteria.
36585	Endangered Species Takings	0	Issued		X			
16F-1A0564	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Renewed					X

[8] Tier 2 permits where a decision took longer than 150 days from a complete application.

[9] "Other" contains multiple specific reasons for a delay, and we have included short explanatory phrases where possible, particularly when a cause happens multiple times. "Early Submittal" means the applicant applied for an Aquatic Plant Management permit well in advance of the point in time when required site inspections can occur after plant growth begins; this happens routinely. Remaining phrases for "Other" are self-explanatory. An "X" appears in the "Other" column when no specific reason was available at the time of the report's publication

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2024-3181	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued		X			
2025-1649	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Amended					X
2025-2067	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Denied					X
2025-2127	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued					X
2025-2519	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued					X
2025-2726	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued					X
2025-2740	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued					X
2025-2820	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued					X
2025-2852	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued					X
2025-2896	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued					X
2025-2901	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued					X
2025-2924	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued					X
2025-2926	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued					X
2025-2928	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued					X
2025-2934	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued					X
2025-2948	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Denied					X
2025-2956	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued					X
2025-2957	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued					X

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[9]
2025-2962	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued					X
2025-2969	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued					X
2025-2987	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued					X
2025-3010	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued					X
2025-3030	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued		X			
2025-3032	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued					X
2025-3068	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued					X
2025-3167	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Denied		X			
2025-3168	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued					X
2025-3473	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued					X
2026-0029	Aquatic Plant Management	0	Permit Issued					X
2020-1997	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Renewed					X
2024-2861	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2024-3468	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued				X	
2025-0019	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-1876	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-2052	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-2116	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Amended					X

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[9]
2025-2317	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Denied					X
2025-2496	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Denied					X
2025-2548	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-2577	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-2609	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-2634	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-2717	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-2781	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-2787	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
225-2788	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-2834	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-2860	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-2861	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-2880	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-2894	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-2895	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-2911	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-2921	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[9]
2025-2933	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-3064	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-3073	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-3102	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-3121	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-3201	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-3386	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-3407	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-3413	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-3437	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2025-3440	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2026-0006	Aquatic Plant Management	1	Permit Issued					X
2023-1241	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Renewed					X
2025-2270	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Denied					X
2025-2473	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Issued					X
2025-2565	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Issued					X
2025-2698	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Issued					X
2025-2867	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Issued					X

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[9]
2025-2892	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Issued					X
2025-3059	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Issued					X
2025-3177	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Issued					X
2025-3442	Aquatic Plant Management	2	Permit Issued					X
2025-2809	Aquatic Plant Management	3	Permit Issued					X
2025-3101	Aquatic Plant Management	3	Permit Issued					X
2025-3379	Aquatic Plant Management	3	Permit Issued					X
2025-3470	Aquatic Plant Management	3	Permit Issued					X
2025-2552	Aquatic Plant Management	4	Permit Issued					X
2025-2914	Aquatic Plant Management	4	Permit Issued					X
2025-3411	Aquatic Plant Management	4	Permit Issued					X
2026-0077	Aquatic Plant Management	4	Permit Issued					X
12F-11375	Aquatic Plant Management	5	Permit Renewed					X
2025-2991	Aquatic Plant Management	5	Permit Issued					X
2025-3053	Aquatic Plant Management	5	Permit Issued					X
2025-3319	Aquatic Plant Management	5	Permit Issued					X
2025-3324	Aquatic Plant Management	5	Permit Issued					X
2025-3325	Aquatic Plant Management	5	Permit Issued					X

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[9]
2025-3358	Aquatic Plant Management	5	Permit Issued					X
2025-3363	Aquatic Plant Management	5	Permit Issued					X
2024-1718	Aquatic Plant Management	6	Permit Issued					X
2025-3306	Aquatic Plant Management	6	Permit Issued					X
2025-3309	Aquatic Plant Management	6	Permit Issued					X
2025-3399	Aquatic Plant Management	6	Permit Issued					X
2026-0036	Aquatic Plant Management	6	Permit Issued					X
2025-2752	Aquatic Plant Management	7	Permit Issued					X
2025-3036	Aquatic Plant Management	7	Permit Issued					X
2025-3321	Aquatic Plant Management	7	Permit Issued					X
2021-2806	Aquatic Plant Management	8	Permit Issued					X
2025-2722	Aquatic Plant Management	8	Permit Issued					X
2025-3398	Aquatic Plant Management	8	Permit Issued					X
2023-2809	Aquatic Plant Management	9	Permit Issued					X
2025-3432	Aquatic Plant Management	9	Permit Issued					X
2026-0011	Aquatic Plant Management	9	Permit Issued					X
2025-2002	Aquatic Plant Management	10	Permit Issued					X
2025-2760	Aquatic Plant Management	10	Permit Issued					X

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[9]
2025-3131	Aquatic Plant Management	11	Permit Issued					X
2024-3362	Aquatic Plant Management	12	Permit Issued					X
2025-2902	Aquatic Plant Management	13	Permit Issued					X
2025-3157	Aquatic Plant Management	13	Permit Issued					X
2025-3435	Aquatic Plant Management	14	Permit Issued					X
2024-3310	Aquatic Plant Management	15	Permit Issued					X
2025-2734	Aquatic Plant Management	15	Permit Issued					X
2025-3091	Aquatic Plant Management	15	Permit Issued					X
2025-3287	Aquatic Plant Management	16	Permit Issued					X
2023-0680	Aquatic Plant Management	18	Permit Issued					X
2025-3011	Aquatic Plant Management	19	Permit Issued					X
2025-3180	Aquatic Plant Management	19	Permit Issued					X
2025-3133	Aquatic Plant Management	20	Permit Issued					X
2025-3049	Aquatic Plant Management	22	Permit Issued					X
2025-0064	Aquatic Plant Management	23	Permit Issued					X
2025-2576	Aquatic Plant Management	24	Permit Issued					X
2025-3066	Aquatic Plant Management	33	Permit Denied					X
16F-2B0315	Aquatic Plant Management	37	Permit Renewed					X

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[9]
2025-3365	Aquatic Plant Management	40	Permit Issued					X
2025-2773	Aquatic Plant Management	78	Permit Issued					X
2024-2302	Aquatic Plant Management	118	Permit Issued		X			
2025-2562	Aquatic Plant Management	144	Permit Issued					X
2008-0418	Public Waters	0	Amended		X			
2020-2536	Public Waters	0	Amended					Complexity Of Permit Decision
2025-0307	Public Waters	0	Permit Issued			X		Complexity Of Permit Decision
2025-2903	Public Waters	0	Permit Issued					Seasonal Information Timing
1987-6048	Water Appropriation	0	Amended		X			
1993-6162	Water Appropriation	0	Amended		X			
2001-5063	Water Appropriation	0	Transferred		X			
2003-3108	Water Appropriation	0	Amended		X			
2014-1455	Water Appropriation	0	Amended		X			
2024-1266	Water Appropriation	0	Permit Issued		X			
2025-1265	Water Appropriation	0	Permit Issued		X			
2025-2826	Water Appropriation	0	Permit Issued		X			
2025-3461	Water Appropriation	0	Permit Issued		X			

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[9]
2017-4201	Public Waters	1	Amended		X			
2026-0091	Public Waters	1	Permit Issued	X				
2021-3398	Public Waters	1	Permit Issued		X			
2025-2912	Public Waters	1	Permit Issued	X				Complexity Of Permit Decision
1975-6216	Water Appropriation	1	Amended		X			
1978-6064	Water Appropriation	1	Transferred		X			
1985-5059	Water Appropriation	1	Amended		X			
1985-6009	Water Appropriation	1	Transferred		X			
1985-6312	Water Appropriation	1	Amended		X			
2002-3169	Water Appropriation	1	Amended					External Review
2009-0656	Water Appropriation	1	Amended		X			
2016-0375	Water Appropriation	1	Amended					Internal Review
2021-2862	Water Appropriation	1	Amended					Internal Review
2022-0861	Water Appropriation	1	Amended			X		Internal Review
2025-0487	Public Waters	2	Permit Issued		X		X	
1975-1158	Water Appropriation	2	Amended		X			
2008-0214	Water Appropriation	2	Amended				X	
2024-0550	Water Appropriation	3	Permit Issued		X			

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[9]
2024-3476	Water Appropriation	3	Permit Issued		X			
1980-6176	Water Appropriation	4	Amended		X			
2025-1554	Public Waters	5	Permit Issued		X			
2023-0749	Water Appropriation	5	Permit Issued		X			
2025-0401	Public Waters	6	Permit Issued	X		X		
2022-0811	Water Appropriation	6	Permit Denied					Complexity Of Permit Decision
2022-0812	Water Appropriation	6	Permit Denied					Complexity Of Permit Decision
2025-2848	Public Waters	7	Permit Issued					Seasonal Information Timing
2025-0842	Water Appropriation	7	Permit Issued		X			
2024-0342	Water Appropriation	9	Permit Issued		X			
2024-3447	Water Appropriation	9	Permit Issued		X			
2024-3246	Water Appropriation	10	Permit Issued		X			
2024-0004	Water Appropriation	12	Permit Issued	X				Internal Review
1977-1179	Water Appropriation	13	Amended		X			
2005-4185	Water Appropriation	14	Amended	X	X			
2023-3133	Water Appropriation	14	Permit Issued		X			
2024-0658	Water Appropriation	14	Permit Issued		X			

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[9]
2022-0906	Public Waters	15	Permit Issued		X			
1979-4148	Water Appropriation	15	Transferred		X			
2013-0915	Water Appropriation	15	Amended		X			
2023-3300	Water Appropriation	15	Permit Issued					Complexity of permit decision
2024-1302	Water Appropriation	15	Permit Issued		X			
2025-2442	Public Waters	16	Permit Issued		X	X		
2023-2743	Public Waters	18	Permit Issued		X			
2025-1036	Water Appropriation	19	Permit Issued		X			
1987-6004	Water Appropriation	20	Amended		X			
2016-0828	Water Appropriation	21	Amended		X			
2024-3568	Public Waters	22	Permit Issued			X		
1975-6225	Water Appropriation	22	Amended		X			
2015-1193	Water Appropriation	22	Amended		X			
2008-0004	Water Appropriation	23	Amended		X			
2014-0783	Water Appropriation	25	Amended		X			
1977-6101	Water Appropriation	27	Transferred		X			
1980-6107	Water Appropriation	27	Amended					Coordination with other permitting authorities

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1980-4109	Water Appropriation	27	Transferred		X			
2025-1323	Water Appropriation	27	Permit Issued			X		Complexity of permit decision
1965-0351	Water Appropriation	28	Amended	X				
2023-3000	Water Appropriation	28	Transferred		X			
2008-0566	Water Appropriation	29	Amended		X			
1999-4042	Water Appropriation	30	Amended		X			
2025-3269	Public Waters	31	Permit Issued	X				
1975-6115	Water Appropriation	33	Transferred		X			
1976-6277	Water Appropriation	33	Transferred		X			
2014-1787	Water Appropriation	34	Amended		X			
2014-1788	Water Appropriation	34	Amended		X			
2024-0230	Water Appropriation	35	Permit Issued		X			Complexity of permit decision
2021-0058	Public Waters	36	Permit Issued			X		
2024-0231	Water Appropriation	36	Permit Issued		X			
2012-1072	Water Appropriation	37	Transferred		X			
2022-0450	Water Appropriation	39	Permit Denied					Complexity of permit decision
2022-0451	Water Appropriation	39	Permit Denied					Complexity of permit decision

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[9]
2022-0452	Water Appropriation	39	Permit Denied					Complexity of permit decision
2025-0696	Water Appropriation	43	Permit Issued		X			
2025-0841	Water Appropriation	43	Permit Issued		X			
2025-3158	Public Waters	46	Permit Issued			X		
2022-2689	Public Waters	48	Permit Issued		X			
2024-2995	Water Appropriation	48	Permit Issued		X			
1993-3200	Water Appropriation	51	Amended			X		Complexity of Permit Decision
2022-0332	Water Appropriation	51	Permit Issued	X	X			
2010-0004	Water Appropriation	59	Amended		X			
2025-1410	Public Waters	61	Permit Issued					Coordination with other permitting authorities
2024-3445	Public Waters	62	Permit Issued			X		Coordination with other permitting authorities
2015-2113	Water Appropriation	62	Amended		X			
1968-1558	Water Appropriation	63	Amended			X		
1978-6175	Water Appropriation	63	Amended		X			
2002-2059	Water Appropriation	63	Amended			X		

Permit	Type	Days (to determine complete application from initial submission)	Final Status	Reason: Proposer Responsiveness	Reason: Lack of Staff	Reason: Scientific/ Technical Disagreement	Reason: Level of Public Engagement	Reason: Other[9]
2022-0616	Water Appropriation	65	Amended		X			
2023-2673	Public Waters	74	Permit Issued		X			
2019-2861	Water Appropriation	77	Amended			X		Complexity of permitting decision
2023-2713	Public Waters	90	Permit Issued		X			
2024-0464	Water Appropriation	97	Permit Issued		X			
2008-0794	Water Appropriation	105	Transferred		X			
1985-3331	Public Waters	108	Amended	X	X			
2024-3330	Public Waters	113	Permit Issued	X	X			
2025-2653	Public Waters	114	Permit Issued					Coordination with other permitting authorities
2022-0961	Water Appropriation	186	Permit Issued	X	X			
2024-3345	Public Waters	267	Permit Issued		X			
2023-2076	Water Appropriation	287	No Permit Needed					
1986-4071	Water Appropriation	1,549	Amended	X	X			

DNR Actions and Planned Actions

DNR has consistently achieved a high compliance rate with the statutory permitting goals since first reporting results on August 1, 2011. DNR works to continue improving overall permitting performance. In 2024, DNR updated the reporting systems that track data for this report to ensure continued accuracy and data integrity.

DNR has taken action to verify that appropriate permits involving Wetland Conservation Act (WCA) are within the DNR's jurisdiction/authority. Where this is not the case, we work with the applicant to connect them to Responsible Government Units (RGUs) directly, thereby creating a more efficient process.

Recent statutory changes to permit fee structures for work in public waters and water appropriations provided DNR the opportunity to enhance staffing capacity for these water regulatory programs. DNR is currently working to hire, onboard, and train these additional positions, and anticipates that the increased capacity will result in permit timeliness improvements.

DNR is currently conducting three continuous improvement efforts focused on permitting efficiency. A formal improvement project for regulation of stream restoration projects has been kicked off with support from the Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council and stakeholders and is scheduled to conclude by the end of calendar year 2026. DNR has also coordinated with Minnesota Watersheds to develop a Public Waters Work Permit application checklist to assist applicants in submitting complete applications, reducing the need and time for additional information requests between DNR and applicants. Lastly, the DNR is undertaking continuous improvement efforts to clarify and standardize the review and management of threatened and endangered species. This important natural heritage review can impact permitting timelines for some applicants, and efforts currently underway are expected to result in greater clarity for permit applicants and enhanced review efficiency.

One barrier to timely water-related permit handling involves another key priority for relevant staff. Minnesota has experienced various levels of drought every year since 2021, with 2021 and 2026 being the most significant. These conditions have resulted in increased domestic well interference (out of water) complaints to the DNR. The investigation and resolution of these well interferences can require significant staff resources and must be prioritized over permit application processing to ensure that Minnesotans have access to drinking water. The DNR has identified needed improvements in well interference evaluation processes. Many of these improvements would require administrative rule revisions and the DNR is compiling these and other improvements to propose a rule revision package in the coming years. Once addressed, well interference complaint handling shouldn't meaningfully impact permit processing efficiency.

Coordinated Project Plans

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 84.0265 and 2024 Minn. Laws Chap. 116 Art. 7 Sec. 1 Subd. 6(d), DNR must report on work the agency conducted around coordinated project plans. In FY26, DNR did not receive any formal requests for coordinated project plans. DNR continues to work with partner agencies, such as the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, to ensure process alignment across departments.