

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Agency Address / Web sites

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
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Web sites:

- [Minnesota Pollution Control Agency \(MPCA\)](#)
- [Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification](#)
- [MS4 NPDES / SDS Permit](#)
- [Stormwater Program for Construction Activity](#)
- [Air Quality Programs](#)

MnDOT Contact

MnDOT | Office of Environmental Stewardship
395 John Ireland Boulevard, MS 620
St. Paul, Minnesota 55155

Phone: 651-366-3600

Website: [OES Environmental Assessment and Erosion Control](#)

Authority

The MPCA is responsible for implementing many regulatory programs related to the ambient environment and waste in Minnesota (e.g., groundwater, surface water, air quality, toxic substances, hazardous waste, landfills, wastewater treatment, and site investigation/remediation). (See the [list of programs](#)).

The MPCA writes rules and enforces regulations (see MPCA Rules / Regulations).

MPCA Minnesota Legislative Rules - Pollution Control:

[Chapter 4760](#)

[Chapters 7000 thru 7190](#)

[Chapter 9220](#)

[Chapter 9400](#)

Minnesota Statutes

(MPCA has authority under certain Chapters):

Water: [Chapters 103A thru 114B](#)

Environmental Protection: [Chapters 114C thru 116I](#)

Agency Role(s)

The MPCA reviews project environmental documentation such as an EIS or EA/EAW and provides comments when required. It also partners with cooperative efforts on monitoring of air and water quality issues and noise variances for construction or reconstruction of any highway project which will result in violations of state day or nighttime standards for noise.

The agency is responsible for providing permits in regards to the National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) for discharge of stormwater from construction activities and also the Section 401 Water Quality Certification for projects requiring Section 404 individual permits.

MPCA provides approvals for the investigation and cleanup of contaminated properties, asbestos management, bridge removal, and other environmentally sensitive activities.

Agency Areas of Concern

- Air Quality
- Construction Impacts (Air, Dust, Noise, Erosion)
- Erosion Control
- Groundwater, Geology & Earthborne Vibration
- Contaminated Properties
- Noise
- Water Quality
- HPDP Permits, Approvals and Reviews

Agreement(s)

MPCA and MnDOT have entered into a Memorandum of Understanding regarding implementation of the NPDES permit program for construction activity.

Obtaining any necessary Section 401 water quality certification pursuant to a Section 404 permit is the responsibility of the MnDOT District office.

Other program-specific procedures may exist.

Procedures / Requirements

Environmental Documents - Early coordination with MPCA should occur on projects with any potential impacts in subject areas of interest and concern to the MPCA. The MPCA is formally notified of EIS scoping activities through the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (MEQB) process. The MPCA also may be requested to be a cooperating agency in EIS preparation. EIS (Class I) and EA (Class III) or EAW are sent to MPCA for review and comment.

The environmental document (EIS, EA/EAW or CE) should include a list of MPCA permits and approvals needed for the project, as well as a discussion of avoidance, minimization and mitigation of impacts. For assistance see the [MPCA Environmental Review Process](#).