

State of Minnesota

H. F. No. **3940**

2.1 (9) Minnesota Environmental Science and Economic Review Board;

2.2 (10) Minnesota Association of Townships;

2.3 (11) Conservation Minnesota;

2.4 (12) Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts;

2.5 (13) Minnesota AgriGrowth Council;

2.6 (14) Minnesota River Congress;

2.7 (15) Minnesota Rural Water Association;

2.8 (16) Minnesota Corn Growers Association; and

2.9 (17) Minnesota Soybean Growers Association.

2.10 (b) By December 15, 2019, the stakeholder group must submit details of the strategy
2.11 and recommendations for an entity to administer the nutrient reduction plan to the chairs
2.12 and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees and
2.13 divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources. The stakeholder group
2.14 must develop a strategy that includes a voluntary trading program between point and nonpoint
2.15 sources to address current and future water quality standards for nutrients in the Minnesota
2.16 River basin and identify eligible classes of participants. The stakeholder group must review
2.17 local water management plans, review current practice and science related to point-to-point
2.18 and point-to-nonpoint trading, identify any obstacles to trading in the Minnesota River
2.19 basin, and recommend appropriate actions to enhance trading opportunities to improve
2.20 water quality in the Minnesota River basin, including but not limited to developing
2.21 appropriate trading ratios and creating a trading exchange.

2.22 (c) Until adjournment of the legislative session that is held after the report is submitted
2.23 under paragraph (b), the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency, to the extent
2.24 allowable under the federal Clean Water Act, must use existing authority under federal and
2.25 state law and rules to ensure that permit holders in the Minnesota River basin are not required
2.26 to expend funds to design or implement wastewater technologies or other wastewater
2.27 treatment methodologies solely to comply with water-quality-based effluent limits, wasteload
2.28 allocations, or other effluent limit requirements derived from or otherwise based on the
2.29 river eutrophication standards in Minnesota Rules, parts 7050.0150, 7050.0220, and
2.30 7050.0222.