Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

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Ms. Michele Timmons
Revisor of Statutes
700 State Office Building
100 Constitution Ave.
St. Paul, MN 55155

RE: Annual Report on Obsolete, Unnecessary, or Duplicative Rules as required by Minnesota Statutes, sec. 14.05, subd. 5

Dear Ms. Timmons:

Minnesota Statutes, section 14.05, subdivision 5, requires each agency to submit to you, by December 1 of the year, a report on any rules that are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative. The agency must explain why the rule is obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative, and must identify the timetable for repeal of the rule or prepare legislation to repeal the rule. The agency must also report on the status of the rules identified in the prior year's report.

It is the continuing goal of the department to enact only those rules that are needed and to repeal obsolete, unnecessary, and duplicative rules. As a part of the process of drafting new rules or amendments to existing rules, the department identifies rules that should be repealed. Quite often rules are not obsolete or unnecessary, but need to be revised to address current needs and changing conditions.

We have reviewed this issue with department staff for the preparation of this letter. There were no rules identified as obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative.

In last year's letter on this topic, the department identified two short rules that were obsolete and not being repealed by any on-going rulemaking process. We subsequently requested the Revisor of Statutes to omit these rules (Minnesota Rules, parts 6284.0100 and 6284.0200 concerning wild rice directors) in the next publication of the rules pursuant to authority under Minnesota Statutes, sections 14.05 and 14.27. The Revisor took such action and those rules have been omitted.

Please contact Kathy Lewis (651-296-9564), if you need further information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

Allen Garber
Commissioner

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