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

Minnesota Statutes, section 14.05, subdivision 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 The list must also include an explanation of why the rule or portion of the rule is obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative of other state or federal statutes or rules.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."

Minnesota Rules, Part 4900.2700 – 4900.2805 and Parts 4900.3500 – 4900.3550 are partially duplicative on one another. The MHFA staff is in ongoing discussion about how to best consolidate the two sets of rules governing the same program.

In last year's report, the Agency identified Minnesota Rules, Part 4900.1920 – 4900.1924 as being obsolete. These rules were repealed effective May 18, 2002.

If you have any questions regarding this report, please contact Tonja M. Orr at Minnesota Housing Finance Agency at (651) 296-9820.

Sincerely,

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