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Introduction and first reading  
Referred to Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance

1.1 A bill for an act

1.2 relating to environment; renaming Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to

1.3 Department of Environment; amending Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 15.01;

1.4 116.01; 116.02, subdivision 5; 116.735; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections

1.5 116.02, subdivision 1; 116.04.

1.6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.7 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 15.01, is amended to read:

1.8 **15.01 DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE.**

1.9 The following agencies are designated as the departments of the state government: the

1.10 Department of Administration; the Department of Agriculture; the Department of Commerce;

1.11 the Department of Corrections; the Department of Education; the Department of Employment

1.12 and Economic Development; the Department of Environment; the Department of Health;

1.13 the Department of Human Rights; the Department of Labor and Industry; the Department

1.14 of Management and Budget; the Department of Military Affairs; the Department of Natural

1.15 Resources; the Department of Public Safety; the Department of Human Services; the

1.16 Department of Revenue; the Department of Transportation; the Department of Veterans

1.17 Affairs; and their successor departments.

1.18 Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116.01, is amended to read:

1.19 **116.01 POLICY.**

1.20 To meet the variety and complexity of problems relating to water, air and land pollution

1.21 in the areas of the state affected thereby, and to achieve a reasonable degree of purity of

1.22 water, air and land resources of the state consistent with the maximum enjoyment and use

thereof in furtherance of the welfare of the people of the state, it is in the public interest that there be established a Pollution Control Agency Department of Environment.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116.02, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Agency is Department successor to commission, agency.** The ~~Pollution Control Agency~~ Department of Environment is the successor of the Water Pollution Control Commission and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, and all powers and duties now vested in or imposed upon said the commission ~~by chapter 115, or any act amendatory thereof or supplementary thereto, or agency~~ are hereby transferred to, imposed upon, and vested in the commissioner of ~~the Pollution Control Agency~~ environment.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2016, section 116.735, is amended to read:

**116.735 TRAINING AND CERTIFICATION.**

(a) The agency commissioner shall develop standards of competence for persons who engage in activities relating to products that may contain CFCs, as described in section 116.731, subdivisions 1 to 4, and the commissioner may conduct training programs for these persons. The persons shall obtain from the commissioner a certificate of competence or equivalent federal certification that has been approved by the commissioner.

(b) The agency commissioner may adopt rules to implement this section.

Sec. 5. **REVISOR'S INSTRUCTION.**

(a) The revisor of statutes shall change the terms "Minnesota Pollution Control Agency" and "Pollution Control Agency" to "Department of Environment" where the terms appear in Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules. The revisor of statutes shall change the term "agency," when it refers to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, to "department" where it appears in Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules.

(b) The revisor of statutes shall change the terms in column A to the terms in column B where the terms appear in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 115 to 116.

<u>Column A</u>	<u>Column B</u>
<u>commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency</u>	<u>commissioner of environment</u>
<u>commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency</u>	<u>commissioner of environment</u>
<u>state pollution control commissioner</u>	<u>commissioner of environment</u>
<u>commissioner or agency</u>	<u>commissioner</u>

3.1 agency or commissioner commissioner

3.2 agency and the commissioner commissioner

3.3 agency and commissioner commissioner

3.4 commissioner and the agency commissioner

3.5 (c) The revisor of statutes may make necessary conforming and grammatical changes  
3.6 in implementing this section.

3.7 Sec. 6. **REPEALER.**

3.8 Minnesota Statutes 2016, sections 116.02, subdivision 1; and 116.04, are repealed.

APPENDIX  
Repealed Minnesota Statutes: 17-0473

**116.02 POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY, CREATION AND POWERS.**

Subdivision 1. **Creation.** A pollution control agency, designated as the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, is hereby created.

**116.04 EXECUTIVE SECRETARY.**

The commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency is the executive secretary and chief executive officer of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and is responsible for performing the executive duties of such agency prescribed by law.