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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to environment; establishing a Pig's Eye Landfill Task Force; requiring a
1.3 report; appropriating money.

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

1.5 Section 1. PIG'S EYE LANDFILL TASK FORCE; APPROPRIATION.

1.6 Subdivision 1. Pig's Eye Landfill Task Force. The commissioner of the Pollution
1.7 Control Agency must establish a Pig's Eye Landfill Task Force to coordinate efforts to
1.8 remediate and restore the Pig's Eye Landfill Superfund site and address perfluoroalkyl and
1.9 polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) contamination of Battle Creek, Pig's Eye Lake, and
1.10 nearby groundwater. The task force is subject to Minnesota Statutes, section 15.059,
1.11 subdivision 6.

1.12 Subd. 2. Membership. The task force must consist of:

- 1.13 (1) the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency;
1.14 (2) the commissioner of natural resources;
1.15 (3) the commissioner of health;
1.16 (4) a representative from the Metropolitan Council;
1.17 (5) a representative from the United States Army Corps of Engineers;
1.18 (6) a representative from the United States Coast Guard;
1.19 (7) a representative from the federal Environmental Protection Agency;
1.20 (8) a representative from the National Park Service;

2.1 (9) a representative from the Ramsey-Washington Metro Watershed District; and

2.2 (10) one representative from each of the following impacted local governments:

2.3 (i) St. Paul;

2.4 (ii) South St. Paul;

2.5 (iii) Ramsey County; and

2.6 (iv) Dakota County.

2.7 Subd. 3. **Organization.** (a) By October 15, 2022, the commissioner or the commissioner's
2.8 designee must convene the first meeting of the task force.

2.9 (b) The task force must meet monthly or as determined by the chair. Meetings of the
2.10 task force must be open to the public.

2.11 (c) The members of the task force must annually elect a chair, vice chair, and other
2.12 officers as the members deem necessary.

2.13 Subd. 4. **Staff.** The commissioner must provide support staff, office space, and
2.14 administrative services for the task force.

2.15 Subd. 5. **Reports.** By February 15 each year, the commissioner must submit an annual
2.16 report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees and divisions
2.17 with jurisdiction over the environment and natural resources on the status of the task force's
2.18 work. The final report, due February 15, 2026, must:

2.19 (1) summarize the history of the Pig's Eye Landfill, including cleanup efforts and impacts;

2.20 (2) include a coordinated plan to:

2.21 (i) remediate the brownfield site;

2.22 (ii) enhance wildlife habitat;

2.23 (iii) prevent future water contamination; and

2.24 (iv) address existing water quality issues;

2.25 (3) identify infrastructure needs;

2.26 (4) identify potential funding sources; and

2.27 (5) include any recommendations for legislative action.

2.28 Subd. 6. **Sunset.** The task force expires June 30, 2026.

- 3.1 Subd. 7. **Appropriation.** \$800,000 in fiscal year 2023 is appropriated from the general
- 3.2 fund to the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency to establish the Pig's Eye Landfill
- 3.3 Task Force. This is a onetime appropriation and is available until June 30, 2026.