

4420.0015 AUTHORITY, SCOPE, PURPOSE.

Subpart 1. **Authority.** This chapter is adopted under authority granted in Minnesota Statutes, section 116C.94, and chapter 116D, to implement a permit procedure for the releases of genetically engineered organisms.

Subp. 2. **Scope.** This chapter applies to all releases of genetically engineered organisms, except that this chapter does not apply to the direct medical application of genetically engineered organisms to humans or animals.

Subp. 3. **Purpose.** The purpose of the release permit process created by this chapter is to:

A. protect human health and the environment from any significant or material adverse impacts that could result from the release of genetically engineered organisms;

B. allow for the orderly and safe development and use of released genetically engineered organisms;

C. provide information to the board and the public concerning proposed releases of genetically engineered organisms; and

D. provide an orderly and timely process for making decisions on permits for the release of genetically engineered organisms.

Subp. 4. **Cooperative process.** The board shall cooperate with state and federal agencies to the fullest extent possible to reduce duplication between implementation of this chapter and the various state and federal regulatory and review programs regarding genetically engineered organisms.

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