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STATE OF MINNESOTA  
OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS  
FOR THE MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY

In the Matter of Proposed Amendments to Rules Governing Water Quality Standards for Protection and Purity, Minn. R. Ch. 7050; and Proposed New Rules Governing Water Quality Standards, Standard Implementation, and Nondegradation Standards for Great Lakes Initiative Pollutants in the Lake Superior Basin, Minn. R. Ch. 7052.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF  
ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE

The above-entitled matter came on for review by the Chief Administrative Law Judge pursuant to the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 14.15, subds. 3 and 4. Based upon a review of the record in this proceeding, the Chief Administrative Law Judge hereby approves the Report of the Administrative Law Judge in all respects.

In order to correct the defects enumerated by the Administrative Law Judge, the agency shall either take the action recommended by the Administrative Law Judge, follow the procedure for adopting substantially different rules or reconvene the rule hearing if appropriate. If the agency chooses to reconvene the rule hearing, it shall do so as if it is initiating a new rule hearing, complying with all substantive and procedural requirements imposed on the agency by law or rule. The procedure for adopting substantially different rules is set out in Minn. Rule 1400.2110.

If the agency chooses to take the action recommended by the Administrative Law Judge, it shall submit to the Chief Administrative Law Judge a copy of the rules as initially published in the State Register, a copy of the rules as proposed for final adoption in the form required by the State Register for final publication, and a copy of the agency's Order Adopting Rules. The Chief Administrative Law Judge will then make a determination as to whether the defects have been corrected and whether the modifications in the rules are substantially different.

Should the agency make changes in the rules other than those recommended by the Administrative Law Judge, it shall also submit the complete record to the Chief Administrative Law Judge for a review on the issue of substantial difference.

Dated this 26th day of November 1997.

  
KENNETH A. NICKOLAI  
Acting Chief Administrative Law Judge