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An agency must first solicit **Comments on Planned Rules** or **Comments on Planned Rule Amendments** from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency (*Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.101). It does this by publishing a notice in the *State Register* at least 60 days before publication of a notice to adopt or a notice of hearing, or within 60 days of the effective date of any new statutory grant of required rulemaking.

When rules are first drafted, state agencies publish them as **Proposed Rules**, along with a notice of hearing, or a notice of intent to adopt rules without a hearing in the case of noncontroversial rules. This notice asks for comment on the rules as proposed. Proposed emergency rules and withdrawn proposed rules are also published in the *State Register*. After proposed rules have gone through the comment period, and have been rewritten into their final form, they again appear in the *State Register* as **Adopted Rules**. These final adopted rules are not printed in their entirety in the *State Register*, only the changes made since their publication as Proposed Rules. To see the full rule, as adopted and in effect, a person simply needs two issues of the *State Register*, the issue the rule appeared in as proposed, and later as adopted. For a more detailed description of the rulemaking process, see the most current edition of the *Minnesota Guidebook to State Agency Services*.

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Rules to be Adopted After a Hearing. After receiving comments and deciding to hold a public hearing on the rule, an agency drafts its rule. It then publishes its rules with a notice of hearing. All persons wishing to make a statement must register at the hearing. Anyone who wishes to submit written comments may do so at the hearing, or within five working days of the close of the hearing. Administrative law judges may, during the hearing, extend the period for receiving comments up to 20 calendar days. For five business days after the submission period the agency and interested persons may respond to any new information submitted during the written submission period and the record then is closed. The administrative law judge prepares a report within 30 days, stating findings of fact, conclusions and recommendations. After receiving the report, the agency decides whether to adopt, withdraw or modify the proposed rule based on consideration of the comments made during the rule hearing procedure and the report of the administrative law judge. The agency must wait five days after receiving the report before taking any action.

Rules to be Adopted Without a Hearing. Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* § 14.22, an agency may propose to adopt, amend, suspend or repeal rules without first holding a public hearing. An agency must first solicit **Comments on Planned Rules** or **Comments on Planned Rule Amendments** from the public. The agency then publishes a notice of intent to adopt rules without a public hearing, together with the proposed rules, in the *State Register*. If, during the 30-day comment period, 25 or more persons submit to the agency a written request for a hearing of the proposed rules, the agency must proceed under the provisions of §§ 14.14-14.20, which state that if an agency decides to hold a public hearing, it must publish a notice of intent in the *State Register*.

KEY: Proposed Rules - <u>Underlining</u> indicates additions to existing rule language. Strikeouts indicate deletions from existing rule language. If a proposed rule is totally new, it is designated "all new material." **Adopted Rules** - <u>Underlining</u> indicates additions to proposed rule language. Strikeout indicates deletions from proposed rule language.

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Ecological Resources Proposed Repeal of Rules Governing Designation of Infested Waters and Notice, Minnesota Bules, port 6216,0200, subport 1, and port 6216,0250

Minnesota Rules, part 6216.0300, subpart 1; and part 6216.0350 NOTICE OF INTENT TO REPEAL OBSOLETE RULES

Introduction. The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) intends to repeal obsolete rules following the procedures set forth in the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, section 14.3895.

Agency Contact Person. Comments or questions on the rules and written requests to proceed with an alternative process must be submitted to: Luke Skinner, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155-4025; phone: (651) 259-5140; Fax: (651) 296-1811, and e-mail: *luke.skinner@dnr.state.mn.us*. TTY users may call the Department of Natural Resources at (651) 296-5484 or 1-800-657-3929.

Subject of Rules and Statutory Authority. The DNR proposes repealing obsolete rules governing designation of infested waters. The statutory authority to repeal the rules is Laws 2007, chapter 57, article 1, section 33, which amended *Minnesota Statutes*, section 84D.03, subdivision 1, to allow such designations to be made by written order of the commissioner and not subject to the rulemaking provisions of *Minnesota Statutes*, chapter 14. A copy of the proposed repeal is published in the *State Register* and attached to this notice as mailed. This notice supplements the notice published December 15, 2008, at 33 SR 1067.

Comments. You have until 4:30 p.m. on June 30, 2009, to submit written comment in support of or in opposition to the proposed repeal or any part or subpart of the repeal. Your comment must be in writing and received by the agency contact person by the due date. Comment is encouraged. Your comment should identify the portion of the rule proposed for repeal involved and the reason for the comment. You are encouraged to propose that any part or subpart not be repealed. Any comments that you would like to make on the legality of the proposed repeal must also be made during this comment period.

Request for an Alternative Process. If 25 or more people submit a written request, the agency will have to meet the requirements of sections 14.131 to 14.20 for rules adopted after a public hearing or the requirements of sections 14.22 to 14.28 for rules adopted without a public hearing, including preparation of a statement of need and reasonableness and the opportunity for a hearing. Your request must be in writing and must be received by the agency contact person by 4:30 p.m. on June 30, 2009. Your written request for an alternative process must include your name and address. You must identify the rule that you feel should not be repealed or state that you oppose the

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entire repeal. Any request that does not comply with these requirements is not valid and cannot be counted by the agency for determining whether an alternative process is necessary. You are also encouraged to state the reason for the request.

Modifications. The proposed repeal may be modified as a result of public comment. The modifications must be supported by comments and information submitted to the agency, but the modifications can only alter which rules or parts are repealed. If the proposed repeal affects you in any way, you are encouraged to participate in the repeal process.

Adoption and Review of Rules. If no alternative process is required, the agency may repeal the rules after the end of the comment period. The repealed rules and supporting documents will then be submitted to the Office of Administrative Hearings for review for legality. You may ask to be notified of the date the repeal is submitted to the office. If you want to be so notified, or want to receive a copy of the repealer, or want to register with the agency to receive notice of future rule proceedings, submit your request to the agency contact person listed above.

Dated: April 9, 2009

Mark Holsten, Commissioner Department of Natural Resources

Proposed Permanent Rule Relating to Designated Infested Waters

REPEALER. Minnesota Rules, parts 6216.0300, subpart 1; and 6216.0350, are repealed.

Adopted Rules

A rule becomes effective after the requirements of *Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.05-14.28 have been met and five working days after the rule is published in the *State Register*, unless a later date is required by statutes or specified in the rule. If an adopted rule is identical to its proposed form as previously published, a notice of adoption and a citation to its previous *State Register* publication will be printed. If an adopted rule differs from its proposed form, language which has been deleted will be printed with strikeouts and new language will be underlined. The rule's previous *State Register* publication will be cited.

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Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Health Risk Limits For Groundwater

The rules proposed and published at *State Register*, Volume 33, Number 9, pages 418-429, September 02, 2008 (33 SR 418), are adopted with the following modifications:

4717.7820 **DEFINITIONS.**

Subp. 7. **Chemical abstracts service registry number or CAS number.** The "chemical abstracts service registry number" or "CAS number" means the number assigned to a chemical by the Chemical Abstracts Service, a division of the American Chemical Society, 2540 Olentangy River Road, Box 3012, Columbus, OH 43210-0012. CAS numbers function as unique identifiers for chemicals in part 4717.4860_4717.7860. The Chemical Abstracts Service maintains a database of all CAS numbers at http://www.cas.org.

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Subp. 21. **Reference dose or RfD.** "Reference dose" or "RfD" means an estimate of a dose for a given duration to the human population, including susceptible subgroups such as infants, that is likely to be without an appreciable risk of adverse effects during a lifetime. It is derived from a suitable <u>exposure dose</u> level at which there are few or no statistically or biologically significant increases in the frequency or severity of an adverse effect between an exposed the dosed population and its associated control group. The RfD includes one or more divisors, applied to the suitable dose level, accounting for: (i) uncertainty in extrapolating from mammalian laboratory animal data to humans; (ii) variation in toxicological sensitivity among individuals in the human population; (iii) uncertainty in extrapolating from effects observed in a short-term study to effects of long-term exposure; (iv) uncertainty in using a study in which health effects were found at all doses tested; and (v) uncertainty associated with deficiencies in the available data. An HRL is not derived if the product of the divisors exceeds 3,000. The RfD is expressed as mg/kg-day.

4717.7860 HEALTH RISK LIMITS TABLE.

Subp. 5. Alachlor ESA.

CAS number: 142363-53-9 Year Established: 2008 Volatility: Nonvolatile

	Acute	Short-term	Subchronic	Chronic	Cancer
HRL (µg/L)	ND	NÐ	100	20	NA
RfD (mg/kg-day)	_	—	0.053	0.0053	—
RSC	—	_	0.2	0.2	—
SF (per mg/kg-day)	_	—	—	—	—
ADAF or AF	—	—	—	—	—
Intake Rate (L/kg-day)	_	—	0.077	0.043	—
Endpoints	_	—	hematological	hematological	—
			(blood) system	(blood) system	
1				1	1

Subp. 65. Atrazine.

CAS number: 1912-24-9 Year Established: 2008 Volatility: Nonvolatile MCL-based HRL: 3 µg/L

Subp. 7<u>6</u>. Benzene.

CAS number: 71-43-2 Year Established: 2008 Volatility: High

	Acute	Short-term	Subchronic	Chronic	Cancer
HRL (µg/L)	10	10	3	3 (3)	2
RfD (mg/kg-day)	0.015	0.014	0.0013	(3)	_
RSC	0.2	0.2	0.2	(3)	—
SF (per mg/kg-day)	—	—	—	—	0.055
ADAF	—	—	—	—	10 (ADAF _{<2})
					3 (ADAF _{2 to <16})
					1 (ADAF ₁₆₊)
Intake Rate	0.289	0.289	0.077	(3)	0.137 (_2)
(L/kg-day)					$0.047~(_{2 to < 16})$
					0.039 (₁₆₊)
Endpoints	developmental	hematological	hematological	hematological	cancer
		(blood) system,	(blood) system,	(blood) system,	
		immune system	immune system	immune system	

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Subp. 8<u>7</u>. Chloroform.

CAS number: 67-66-3 Year Established: 2008 Volatility: High

	Acute	Short-term	Subchronic	Chronic	Cancer
HRL (µg/L)	ND	30	30 (2)	30 (2)	NA
RfD (mg/kg-day)	—	0.05	(2)	(2)	_
RSC	_	0.2	(2)	(2)	_
SF (per mg/kg-day)	_	—	_	—	_
ADAF or AF _{lifetime}	—		—	—	—
Intake Rate (L/kg-day)	—	0.289	(2)	(2)	_
Endpoints	_	developmental, hepatic (liver) system, immune system	developmental, hepatic (liver) system, immune system, male reproductive system	developmental, hepatic (liver) system, immune system, male reproductive system	_

Subp. 9<u>8</u>. Cyanazine.

CAS number: 21725-46-2 Year Established: 2008 Volatility: Nonvolatile

	Acute	Short-term	Subchronic	Chronic	Cancer
HRL (µg/L)	2	2	2	1	NA
RfD (mg/kg-day)	0.001	0.001	0.00063	0.00026	—
RSC	0.5	0.5	0.2	0.2	
SF (per mg/kg-day)	—	—	_	—	—
ADAF or AF	—	—	—	—	—
Intake Rate (L/kg-day)	0.289	0.289	0.077	0.043	—
Endpoints	developmental	developmental	hepatic (liver) system,renal (kidney) system	None	_

Subp. 10 9. cis 1,2-Dichloroethylene.

CAS number: 156-59-2 Year Established: 2008 Volatility: High

	Acute	Short-term	Subchronic	Chronic	Cancer
HRL (µg/L)	ND	70	70 (2)	50	NA
RfD (mg/kg-day)	_	0.097	(2)	0.011	
RSC	_	0.2	(2)	0.2	—
SF (per mg/kg-day)	—	—	—	—	
ADAF or AF _{lifetime}	—	—	—	—	—
Intake Rate (L/kg-day)	—	0.289	(2)	0.043	
Endpoints	—	hematological	hematological	hematological	
		(blood) system	(blood) system	(blood) system	

Subp. 1110. Dichloromethane.

CAS number: 75-09-2

Year Established: 2008 Volatility: High MCL-based HRL: 5 µg/L

Subp. 12 11. Dieldrin.

CAS number: 60-57-1 Year Established: 2008 Volatility: Nonvolatile

	Acute	Short-term	Subchronic	Chronic	Cancer
HRL (µg/L)	0.2	0.2	0.2 (2)	0.2	0.006
RfD (mg/kg-day)	0.0001	0.0001	(2)	0.00005	_
RSC	0.5	0.5	(2)	0.2	_
SF (per mg/kg-day)	—	—	—	—	16
AF	—	_	—	—	2.5
Intake Rate (L/kg-day)	0.289	0.289	(2)	0.043	0.043
Endpoints	developmental	developmental, immune system,	developmental, immune system,	hepatic (liver) system, nervous	cancer
		nervous system	nervous system	system	

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CAS number: 117-81-7 Year Established: 2008 Volatility: Moderate MCL-based HRL: 6 µg/L

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CAS number: 14797-55-8 Year Established: 2008 Volatility: Nonvolatile MCL-based HRL: 10,000 µg/L

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CAS number: 1763-23-1; 29081-56-9; 2795-39-3; 70225-14-8; and 29457-72-5 Year Established: 2008 Volatility: Nonvolatile

	Acute	Short-term	Subchronic	Chronic	Cancer
HRL (µg/L)	ND	ND	ND	0.3	NA
RfD (mg/kg-day)	—	—	_	0.00008	
RSC	_	_	_	0.2	
SF (per mg/kg-day)	_	_	—	_	_
ADAF or AF _{lifetime}	—	—	_		_
Intake Rate (L/kg-day)	—	—	_	0.049	—
Endpoints	—	—	_	developmental,	_
				hepatic (liver)	
				system, thyroid	
				(E)	

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Subp. <u>17_16</u>. Perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and salts.

CAS number: 335-67-1; 3825-26-1; 2395-00-8; 335-93-3; and 335-95-5 Year Established: 2008 Volatility: Nonvolatile

	Acute	Short-term	Subchronic	Chronic	Cancer
HRL (µg/L)	ND	ND	ND	0.3	NA
RfD (mg/kg-day)	_	_	—	0.000077	
RSC	—	—	_	0.2	_
SF (per mg/kg-day)	—	—		—	—
ADAF or AF _{lifetime}	—	—		—	—
Intake Rate (L/kg-day)	—	—	—	0.053	—
Endpoints	_		_	developmental, hepatic (liver) system, immune system	

Subp. 18 17. Simazine.

CAS number: 122-34-9 Year Established: 2008 Volatility: Nonvolatile MCL-based HRL: 4 µg/L

Subp. 19_18. 1,1,2,2-Tetrachloroethylene.

CAS number: 127-18-4 Year Established: 2008 Volatility: High MCL-based HRL: 5 µg/L

Subp. 2019. 1,1,1-Trichloroethane.

CAS number: 71-55-6 Year Established: 2008 Volatility: High

	Acute	Short-term	Subchronic	Chronic	Cancer
HRL (µg/L)	ND	ND	20,000	9,000	NA
RfD (mg/kg-day)	—	—	7	2	—
RSC	—	—	0.2	0.2	_
SF (per mg/kg-day)	—	—	—	—	—
ADAF or AF	—	—	—	—	—
Intake Rate (L/kg-day)	—	—	0.077	0.043	—
Endpoints		_	hepatic (liver) system, male reproductive system	hepatic (liver) system, male reproductive system	

Subp. 21 20. 1,1,2-Trichloroethylene (TCE).

CAS number: 79-01-6 Year Established: 2008 Volatility: High MCL-based HRL: 5 µg/L

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Subp. 22_21. 2(2,4,5-Trichlorophenoxy)propionic acid (2,4,5-TP or Silvex).

CAS number: 93-72-1 Year Established: 2008 Volatility: Nonvolatile MCL-based HRL: 50 µg/L

Subp. 23_22. 1,3,5-Trimethylbenzene.

CAS number: 108-67-8 Year Established: 2008 Volatility: High

	Acute	Short-term	Subchronic	Chronic	Cancer
HRL (µg/L)	ND	100	100 (2)	100 (2)	NA
RfD (mg/kg-day)	ND	0.14	(2)	(2)	_
RSC	—	0.2	(2)	(2)	_
SF (per mg/kg-day)	—	—	—	—	_
ADAF or AF _{lifetime}	—	—	—	—	_
Intake Rate (L/kg-day)	—	0.289	(2)	(2)	—
Endpoints	—	hepatic (liver)	hepatic (liver)	hepatic (liver)	—
		system	system; renal	system; renal	
			(kidney) system	(kidney) system	

Subp. 24 23. Vinyl Chloride.

CAS number: 75-01-4 Year Established: 2008 Volatility: High

	Acute	Short-term	Subchronic	Chronic	Cancer
HRL (µg/L)	ND	ND	80	10	0.2
RfD (mg/kg-day)	—	—	0.03	0.003	—
RSC	—	—	0.2	0.2	—
SF (per mg/kg-day)	—	—	—	—	1.4
ADAF or AF	—	—	—	—	1
Intake Rate (L/kg-day)	—	—	0.077	0.043	0.043
Endpoints	—	—	hepatic (liver)	hepatic (liver)	cancer
			system	system	

Subp. 24. **Transition.** The health risk limits established for the specific chemicals in this part supersede the health risk limits for those chemicals in part 4717.7500. For chemicals not included in this part, the health risk limits established in part 4717.7500 remain in place.

4717.7880 MULTIPLE CHEMICAL HEALTH RISK LIMITS: NONCANCER.

Subp. 3. Equation. Using the following equation, a noncancer health risk index must be determined for each group of two or more chemicals that have a common health endpoint and common duration period.

Noncancer health risk index_{duration}= $C_1/nHRL_{1duration}+C_2/nHRL_{2duration}+...+C_N/nHRL_{Nduration}$

Where:

B. nHRL_{Nduration} represents the duration specific acute, short-term, subchronic, or chronic noncancer health risk limit expressed as $\mu g/L$ for the first through Nth chemical, as specified in part $\frac{4717.7850}{4717.7860}$.

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4717.7890 MULTIPLE CHEMICAL HEALTH RISK LIMITS: CANCER.

Subp. 2. Equation. To evaluate the risk of cancer from multiple chemicals detected in groundwater, a cancer index must be calculated using the following equation:

Cancer health risk index= $C_1/cHRL_1+C_2/cHRL_2+...+C_N/cHRL_N$

Where:

B. cHRL_N represents the cancer health risk limit for the first through Nth chemical, as specified in part 4717.7850 4717.7860.

REPEALER. *Minnesota Rules*, parts 4717.4200; 4717.7100; 4717.7150, subparts 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11; 4717.7200; 4717.7300; 4717.7400; 4717.7600; 4717.7600; 4717.7700; 4717.7750; and 4717.7800, are repealed.

Expedited Emergency Rules

Provisions exist for the Commissioners of some state agencies to adopt expedited emergency rules when conditions exist that do not allow the Commissioner to comply with the requirements for emergency rules. The Commissioner must submit the rule to the attorney general for review and must publish a notice of adoption that includes a copy of the rule and the emergency conditions. Expedited emergency rules are effective upon publication in the State Register, and may be effective up to seven days before publication under certain emergency conditions.

Expedited emergency rules are effective for the period stated or up to 18 months. Specific *Minnesota Statute* citations accompanying these expedited emergency rules detail the agency's rulemaking authority.

KEY: Proposed Rules - <u>Underlining</u> indicates additions to existing rule language. Strikeouts indicate deletions from existing rule language. If a proposed rule is totally new, it is designated "all new material." **Adopted Rules** - <u>Underlining</u> indicates additions to proposed rule language. Strikeout indicates deletions from proposed rule language.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Adopted Expedited Emergency Game and Fish Rules: 2009 Bear Season Republished from last week, Monday 20 April 2009 (33 SR 1769), when these rules were published without the accompanying notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled rules have been adopted through the process prescribed by *Minnesota Statutes*, section 84.027, subdivision 13 (b). The statutory authority for the contents of the rule is *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 97B.405, 97B.411 and 97B.431.

The emergency conditions that do not allow compliance with *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 97A.0451 to 97A.0459, are that population and harvest data needed prior to setting quotas and bag limits are not available until February, and applications for licenses are accepted beginning in late March and the application deadline is the first Friday in May. Quota numbers and bag limits are necessary so that harvests and populations can be managed and to allow applicants to evaluate where they want to apply. Changes to bear outfitting rules were directed by the 2008 legislature and are part of a permanent rule package that is in process.

Expedited Emergency Rules

Dated: March 10, 2009

Mark Holsten, Commissioner Department of Natural Resources

6232.2800 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR TAKING BEARS.

Subpart 1. **Bag limit.** A person may not take more than one bear <u>in quota areas and two bears in no-quota areas</u> during any calendar year whether by firearm or archery. Bears taken may be of either sex or any age except that bear cubs may not be taken. [For text of subps 2 to 8, see M.R.]

6232.3055 BEAR LICENSE QUOTAS.

The number of available licenses for quota areas for the 2009 bear hunting season is 10,000 and is divided as follows:

<u>A. Bear Quota Area 12: 450;</u>
<u>B. Bear Quota Area 13: 600;</u>
<u>C. Bear Quota Area 22: 150;</u>
<u>D. Bear Quota Area 24: 650;</u>
<u>E. Bear Quota Area 25: 1,250;</u>
<u>F. Bear Quota Area 26: 1,000;</u>
<u>G. Bear Quota Area 31: 1,300;</u>
<u>H. Bear Quota Area 41: 400;</u>
<u>I. Bear Quota Area 44: 1,100;</u>
<u>J. Bear Quota Area 45: 600; and</u>
K. Bear Quota Area 51: 2,500.

6232.3100 BEAR NO-QUOTAAREA.

Licenses for the no-quota area are not limited in number and may be purchased from a county auditor's office, county auditor's subagents in Pine, Kanabec, Roseau, and Marshall Counties, or the License Bureau at an electronic licensing system (ELS) agent, ELS-Internet, or ELS-Telephone. A person may not purchase a license for both a quota area and the no-quota area in the same year. No-quota licenses are valid only in the no-quota area.

6232.3500 BEAR GUIDING OUTFITTING.

Subpart 1. Application for bear guide <u>hunting outfitter</u> licenses. An application for a bear hunting guide <u>outfitter</u> license can be obtained from the License Bureau <u>Center</u>.

Subp. 2. Deadline for license issuance.

- A. A bear hunting guide outfitter license may not be issued after August 31 in any year.
- B. Persons may be added to a master bear hunting outfitter license at any time.
- C. A person listed under a master bear hunting outfitter license must remain on the license for the entire license year.

Subp. 3. **Required reporting by bear <u>guides</u>** <u>outfitters</u>. All licensed bear hunting <u>guides</u> <u>outfitters</u> must complete the report form provided with the license and return it to the specified address no later than ten days after the close of the bear season. Failure to submit this report or failure to provide all requested information may result in ineligibility for a bear hunting <u>guide</u> <u>outfitter</u> license for the following bear season.

EFFECTIVE PERIOD. *Minnesota Rules*, part 6232.3055, expires December 31, 2009. The expedited emergency amendments to *Minnesota Rules*, parts 6232.2800, 6232.3100, and 6232.3500 expire December 31, 2009. After the emergency amendments to *Minnesota Rules*, parts 6232.2800, 6232.3100, and 6232.3500 expire, the permanent rules as they read prior to the amendments again take effect, except as they may be amended by permanent rule.

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Adopted Expedited Emergency Game And Fish Rules: 2009 Moose Season Quota

Republished from last week, Monday 20 April 2009 (33 SR 1770), when these rules were published without the accompanying notice

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the above entitled rules have been adopted through the process prescribed by *Minnesota Statutes*, section 84.027, subdivision 13 (b). The statutory authority for the contents of the rule is *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 97B.505.

The emergency conditions that do not allow compliance with *Minnesota Statutes*, sections 97A.0451 to 97A.0459, are that population and harvest data needed prior to setting quotas and bag limits for moose are not available until late February. Quota numbers and bag limits are necessary so that harvests and populations can be managed and to allow applicants to evaluate where they want to apply.

Dated: March 10, 2009

Mark Holsten, Commissioner Department of Natural Resources

6232.3700 GENERAL REGULATIONS FOR TAKING MOOSE.

[For text of subps 1 to 8, see M.R.]

Subp. 9. **Bag limit.** The bag limit of moose is one of any age or sex <u>antlered moose</u> per licensed party of hunters. Only one moose may be taken by a party.

6232.3855 QUOTAS FOR TAKING MOOSE.

The number of available licenses for the 2009 moose hunting season is 225. Licenses are distributed by zone as follows:

A. Moose Zone 20: 12; B. Moose Zone 21: 6; C. Moose Zone 22: 5; D. Moose Zone 23: 2; E. Moose Zone 24: 9; F. Moose Zone 25: 14; G. Moose Zone 26: 4; H. Moose Zone 27: 5; I. Moose Zone 28: 9; J. Moose Zone 29: 8; K. Moose Zone 30: 7; L. Moose Zone 31: 18; M. Moose Zone 32: 4; N. Moose Zone 33: 7; O. Moose Zone 34: 2; P. Moose Zone 36: 10; Q. Moose Zone 37: 3; R. Moose Zone 60: 4; S. Moose Zone 61: 10; T. Moose Zone 62: 19; U. Moose Zone 63: 4; V. Moose Zone 64: 8; W. Moose Zone 70: 7; X. Moose Zone 72: 12; Y. Moose Zone 73: 6; Z. Moose Zone 74: 4; AA. Moose Zone 76: 6; BB. Moose Zone 77: 10; CC. Moose Zone 79: 5; and

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DD. Moose Zone 80: 5.

EFFECTIVE PERIOD. The expedited emergency amendment to *Minnesota Rules*, part 6232.3700, expires December 31, 2009. After the emergency amendment expires, the permanent rule as it read prior to the amendment again takes effect, except as it may be amended by permanent rule. *Minnesota Rules*, part 6232.3855, expires December 31, 2009.

Revenue Notices

The Department of Revenue began issuing Revenue Notices in July of 1991. Revenue Notices are statements of policy made by the department that provide interpretation, detail, or supplementary information concerning a particular statute, rule, or departmental practice. The authority to issue Revenue Notices is found in *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 270C.07. **KEY:** <u>Underlining</u> indicates additions to existing language. Strikeouts indicate deletions from existing language.

Department of Revenue Official Notice: Cigarette Sales Tax – Rate Change

Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes*, section 297F.25, the current cigarette sales tax rate is 27.4 cents per pack of 20 cigarettes. The Commissioner of Revenue has determined that the new tax rate will be 33.0 cents per pack of 20 cigarettes. For packs of cigarettes with other than 20 cigarettes, the tax must be adjusted proportionally. This rate is effective for sales on or after August 1, 2009.

Publication Date: April 27, 2009

Official Notices

Pursuant to *Minnesota Statutes* §§ 14.101, an agency must first solicit comments from the public on the subject matter of a possible rulemaking proposal under active consideration within the agency by publishing a notice in the *State Register* at least 60 days before publication of a notice to adopt or a notice of hearing, and within 60 days of the effective date of any new statutory grant of required rulemaking.

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Department of Commerce Office of Energy Security Energy Facility Permitting

In the Matter of the Route Permit Application for the Southdale to Scearcyville 115 kV Transmission Line and Breaker Station (Docket Number: ET2/TL-08-712)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN at a meeting on March 19, 2009, and in an Order issued April 9, 2009, the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (the Commission) determined that the environmental assessment and the record created at the public hearing had adequately addressed the issues identified in the scoping decision. The Commission issued a high voltage transmission line route permit for the Southdale to Scearcyville project, authorizing Great River Energy and Minnesota Power to construct nine and three-tenths miles of 115 kilovolt (kV) transmission line located in Cass and Crow Wing counties and connecting with Great River Energy's existing "CW-BS" 115 kV line approximately one and one-half miles south of where it exits the Southdale substation in west Baxter to a new Scearcyville breaker station to be located in Sylvan Township.

If you have any questions about this project or would like more information, please contact the Office of Energy Security project manager: Scott Ek, 85 - 7th Place East, Suite 500, St. Paul, MN 55101; Phone: (651) 296-8813; e-mail: *scott.ek@state.mn.us*.

Documents relative to this project may be viewed on the Commission's website: http://energyfacilities.puc.state.mn.us/Docket.html?Id=19661

Department of Human Services (DHS) Disability Services Division Notice of New Rate Maximums for Disability Waiver Services

The Disability Services Division is proposing rate maximums for two services on the Community Alternatives Care (CAC), Community Alternatives for Disabled Individuals (CADI), Developmental Disabilities (DD), and Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Waiver programs. In order to move forward with the 2008 renewal of the CAC waiver, the Department of Human Services agreed to establish rate maximums

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for the services Home Delivered Meals and Family Counseling and Training by April 1, 2009. The department will implement rate maximums for these services across all disability waiver programs in order to promote consistency and ease of management, under the authority of 42 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) 431.10(e).

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, effective May 1, 2009, the waiver rate maximum for the service of home delivered meals is \$6.32 per meal, with a unit limit of one meal per day. The waiver rate maximum for the service of family counseling and training is \$21.19 per 15-minute unit, with a unit limit of 500 units per year. Lead agencies are still responsible to negotiate rates for these services with providers. However, lead agencies will not longer be able to negotiate a rate higher than the rate maximums for Home Delivered Meals and Family Counseling and Training.

For more information contact:

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> Alex Bartolic, director, Disability Services Division Department of Human Services

Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI) Labor Standards Unit Revision: Addition to Commercial Prevailing Wage Rages for Asbestos Abatement Workers in Various Counties

The additional wage rates published in the March 23, 2009 *State Register*, Vol. 33, on page 1616, titled "Notice of Addition to Commercial Prevailing Wage Rates for Asbestos Abatement Workers in Various Counties" have been changed. The Additional rates added to the Commercial Prevailing Wage Rates certified 01/20/09, for **Labor Code 435**, Asbestos Abatement Worker affect only Beltrami, Carlton, Clearwater, Cook, Itasca, Kittson, Koochiching, Lake, Lake of the Woods, Mahnomen, Marshall, Norman, Pennington, Polk, Red Lake, Roseau, and St Louis Counties.

Copies with the added certified wage rates for this Region or these Counties may be obtained by writing the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Prevailing Wage Section, 443 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4306, or by calling (651) 284-5091, or accessing our **web site** at *www.doli.state.mn.us*. Charges for the cost of copying and mailing are \$.25 per page for the first 100 pages, \$.65 per page after that. Make check or money order payable to the State of Minnesota.

Steve Sviggum, Commissioner Department of Labor and Industry

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Order Approving Names of Geographic Features

Pursuant to the authority granted by *Minnesota Statutes*, Section 83A.02 (2008), I hereby approve the naming/renaming of the following geographic features of the state herein:

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• Wilmert Lake, Minnesota Public Water No. 46-14, located in sections 7 and 18, Township 101 North, Range 30 West, Martin County Minnesota is renamed "Willmert Lake."

• Unnamed Creek, commencing in the SE ¹/₄ of Section 6, Township 62 North, Range 4 East, to where it empties into Lake Superior in the NW ¹/₄ of section 21, Township 62 North, Range 4 East, Cook County is named "Otis Creek."

Dated: 5 January 2009 for Willmert Lake 5 March 2009 for Otis Creek Mark Holsten, Commissioner Department of Natural Resources

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In addition to requests by state agencies for technical/professional services (published in the State Contracts Section), the *State Register* also publishes notices about grants and loans available through any agency or branch of state government. Although some grant and loan programs specifically require printing in a statewide publication such as the *State Register*, there is no requirement for publication in the *State Register* itself. Agencies are encouraged to publish grant and loan notices, and to provide financial estimates as well as sufficient time for interested parties to respond.

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Department of Education Notice of Availability of Contract for: The Voluntary Public School Choice (VPSC) Grant Evaluation Project

The Minnesota Department of Education is requesting proposals for the purpose of evaluating the Voluntary Public School Choice (VPSC) grant project and its four partner agencies. The Contractor will review existing processes and data provided by the VPSC project and develop evaluative measures to report achievement data, participation numbers, student movement from low-performing to higher-

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performing schools and transportation impact. The Contractor will provide recommendations, as well as review and update each partner's progress.

Work is proposed to start after June 22, 2009

A Request for Proposal will be available by mail from this office through May 11, 2009. A written request to Faye Lovell (by direct mail or fax) is required to receive the Request for Proposal. After May 11, 2009 the Request for Proposal must be picked up in person.

The Request for Proposal can be obtained from:

Faye Lovell, W-23 Minnesota Department of Minnesota 1500 Highway 36 West Roseville, MN 55113 Fax: (651) 582-8872

Proposals submitted in response to the Request for Proposals in this advertisement must be received at the address above no later than **2:30 P.M. Central Daylight Time, May 18, 2009. Late proposals will NOT be considered.** Fax or emailed proposals will **NOT** be considered.

This request does not obligate the State to complete the work contemplated in this notice. The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation/RFP. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA)

Consolidated Request for Proposals for

- 2009 Multifamily Request for Proposals
- 2010 Housing Tax Credit Program Request for Proposals

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency announces the availability of funds through a Request for Proposals (RFP) using the Minnesota Multifamily Rental Housing Common Application (Common Application). Funds are available to assist in the development, construction, acquisition, refinance, demolition, or rehabilitation of affordable rental housing for low and moderate-income residents of Minnesota. Limited amounts of funding are available for operating subsidies for new or existing Minnesota Housing financed housing developments, as well as funding for rental assistance programs. The RFP represents an effort to address communities' comprehensive housing needs and to foster stronger communities.

Eligible applicants are invited to submit proposal(s) to the 2009 RFP and the 2010 Housing Tax Credit Program (HTC) using the Common Application and its required forms and submittals.

The Multifamily Division will publish two funding RFP rounds for its deferred loan and grant funding. The first round will be published in April 2009 with application due date of June 16, 2009 and funding recommendations on August 27, 2009 for those developments meeting the accelerated process for developments who previously received Housing Tax Credits with an annual tax credit shortfall of no more than 50 percent of the total annual tax credit amount and with funding gap of no more than \$200,000. Developments with funding gaps in excess of \$200,000 will be deemed not financially feasible. The second round called the Consolidated Request for Proposal in partnership with Greater Minnesota Housing Fund, Family Housing Fund, Metropolitan Council, Metropolitan Housing and Redevelopment Authority, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development, and Minnesota Department of Human Services will be published in August 2009 with applications due on October 1st and funding recommendation in January 2010. The HTC Program continues to have two funding rounds per year. Information regarding HTC 2010 Round 1 is outlined in the HTC section of this publication. Additional information regarding HTC 2010 Round 2 will be available through the RFP published in August 2009. A limited amount of funding is available on an open pipeline basis.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, REFER TO THE MULTIFAMILY REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL GUIDE AVAILABLE ON THE MINNESOTA HOUSING WEBSITE AT: http://www.mnhousing.gov/housing/developers/common-app/index.aspx

Multifamily Strategic Priorities

Minnesota Housing's vision, mission and values are related, mutually reinforcing and based on the principle that decent, safe, affordable housing is required for individuals to be healthy, for families to be strong, and for communities to be vibrant.

Minnesota Housing's strategic priorities are:

- Finance new affordable housing opportunities
- · Preserve existing affordable housing
- End long-term homelessness
- · Increase emerging market homeownership

A complete copy of the strategic plan can be found at: http://www.mnhousing.gov/news/reports/index.aspx

Multifamily RFP Funding Availability

Minnesota Housing funds are generally available statewide.

Funding Availability

Estimated total funding through Minnesota Housing, not including HTC's, is approximately \$1,000,000, subject to budget and legislative approval.

Minnesota Housing Loan Programs and Estimated Funding Available

• Up to \$1 million of state allocated deferred funding including Economic Development and Housing Challenge Program (EDHC), Preservation Affordable Rental Investment Fund (PARIF); Housing Trust Fund-Long Term Homelessness (HTF-LTH) and Housing Trust Fund (HTF).

Types of Multifamily Funding Available

Deferred Loan Funds are generally in the form of a zero (0) percent, 30 year deferred or subordinate loan or grant. Actual interest rate, term and type of loan or grant will vary depending upon recommended funding source(s) and will be discussed with sponsors/applicants upon selection for funding.

Operating Subsidies are available for new or existing Minnesota Housing financed developments and are available in two forms; revenue shortfall, and unique costs. Operating subsidies are awarded in the form of a grant and may be provided for up to ten years.

Rental Assistance funding for tenant or sponsor-based programs is awarded in the form of a grant and can be provided to a tenant for the term of the grant generally no more than five consecutive years.

Eligible Applicants, Projects, and Activities

Eligible applicants for the majority of resources include Minnesota cities, limited dividend entities, for-profit organizations, nonprofit organizations, private developers, corporations, partnerships, natural persons, Indian tribes or tribal housing corporations, public housing agencies, joint powers boards established by two or more cities, and cooperative housing corporations.

Funding sources available for capital funding can be used for a variety of activities and housing types. Eligible projects must contain a minimum of four units. Scattered site developments must be located in the same city or county and contain a minimum of four units. Eligible activities include new construction, acquisition of land or existing structures, rehabilitation of housing, refinancing of existing loans, preservation of federally assisted housing, conversion to housing from another use, demolition, construction financing, permanent financing. Rental assistance and operating subsidies are eligible activities, however funding is limited. Eligible housing types include emergency shelters, transitional housing, permanent supportive housing, service-enriched housing, and permanent affordable housing.

Minnesota Housing has funding priorities for certain developments (e.g. housing in which all or a portion of units will be targeted to households experiencing long-term homelessness, workforce housing in areas of job and population growth).

Developments with age restrictions of 55 and older are not a funding priority under most funding sources. In addition, nursing homes,

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board and care facilities, and supervised living facilities licensed by the Minnesota or a delegated local Department of Health are not eligible for funding, nor are properties where residents require a 24-hour plan for supervision and/or medical/health care.

All of the funding priorities are contained in the Multifamily Request for Proposal guide on the Minnesota Housing website: http://www.mnhousing.gov/housing/developers/common-app/index.aspx

Income and Rent Limits

The overall goal of the RFP process is to serve low to moderate income households. Priority will generally be given to those developments serving the lowest income households. The relationship between proposed rent levels and Fair Market Rents/Payment Standards is an important factor because it is crucial that Section 8 voucher holders are able to rent units in Minnesota Housing financed developments. For individual program rent and income limits, refer to the Multifamily Request for Proposal Guide on the Minnesota Housing website.

2010 Housing Tax Credit Program (HTC)

Minnesota Housing is accepting 2010 Round 1 competition applications for reservation and allocation of 2010 Housing Tax Credits, authorized by the Federal Tax Reform Act of 1986, as revised.

Housing Tax Credits offer a ten-year reduction in tax liability to owners and investors in eligible low-income rental housing developments involving new construction, rehabilitation, or acquisition with rehabilitation. General information on tax credit availability is posted on Minnesota Housing's website.

Total estimated 2010 tax credits available for the State of Minnesota is approximately \$10.9 million. Minnesota Housing has estimated the housing credit ceiling for Minnesota for calendar year 2010 based upon the amounts of the housing credit ceiling for calendar year 2009 (as reduced to remove Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 credits not available to HTC 2010). The actual housing credit ceiling for the year 2010 will not be known by Minnesota Housing until some time in February or March of 2010.

Under provisions of the federal stimulus package under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) and the Neighborhood Stabilization Programs (NSP), Congress has made it very clear that resources intended to generate critical economic activity should go to "shovel ready" projects that were previously awarded tax credits that can spark the economy quickly and in most cases, requires that the money be used within 18 months.

Given these requirements and the significant resources provided through the stimulus package, Minnesota Housing's priority is to get available resources committed in an efficient and effective manner. In addition, the state is dealing with a budget deficit that has, out of necessity, diminished the amount of funding that we would normally have available for the consolidated RFP.

An abbreviated Tax Credit HTC 2010 Round 1 will be held with up to \$2 million in tax credits available in conjunction with limited deferred loan funding. It is important to note that the priority will be for previously funded projects that have an annual tax credit shortfall of no more than 50 percent of the total annual tax credit amount and with a funding gap of no more than \$200,000. Developments with a funding gap in excess of \$200,000 will be deemed not financially feasible in the 2010 HTC Round 1/2009 abbreviated RFP. Developments successfully competing and being selected in HTC 2010 Round 1 under the priorities of the Qualified Allocation Plan (QAP) will qualify for accelerated selection processing with recommendations made on August 27, 2009. Developments located in suballocator jurisdictions should contact the suballocating agency directly. The balance of available 2010 tax credits will be designated for 2010 Round 2.

2010 PROGRAM, QAP, PROCEDURAL MANUAL AND SCORING CHANGES

As part of its annual revisions process, Minnesota Housing's 2010 Housing Tax Credit Program, Qualified Allocation Plan, Procedural Manual, Self-Scoring Worksheet and various related programmatic documents have been revised in several key respects. Additional detail regarding these changes can be found on the Housing Tax Credit Allocation page of the Minnesota Housing website at: http://www.mnhousing.gov/housing/tax-credits/allocation/index.aspx.

Credit Formula

The Minnesota Legislature designated Minnesota Housing as the primary allocating agency for housing tax credits for the state and authorized eligible cities and counties to administer the tax credits in their respective jurisdictions based on the *Minnesota Statutes* Section 462A.222 and 462A.223.

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Minnesota Housing Administration of Tax Credits

In all tax credit rounds, applicants with eligible buildings in the balance of the state, not within the jurisdiction of a suballocator, may apply to Minnesota Housing for an allocation of housing tax credits.

Each year, 10 percent of the state ceiling is set aside by Minnesota Housing for qualified 501(c)(3) and 501(c)(4) nonprofits as required by Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. Qualified nonprofits can apply to Minnesota Housing for these credits, regardless of the geographic location of the proposed low income housing development, as specified in the Qualified Allocation Plan.

Local Administration of Tax Credit

The following eligible cities and counties have the authority to administer the tax credits locally:

(S) Suballocator		(JPS) Joint Powers Sub	allocator
(S) St. Paul	651-266-6020	(JPS) Duluth 218-72	23-3357
(S) Dakota County	651-675-4478	(JPS) St. Cloud 320-2	52-0880
(S) Minneapolis	612-673-5263	(JPS) Rochester 507-32	28-2008
(S) Washington Cty.	651-458-0936		

In Round 1, applicants with eligible buildings located within the jurisdiction of the above Suballocators (S) must apply to the local administrators (suballocators) for allocation of the housing tax credit. Joint Powers suballocators enter into an agreement with Minnesota Housing to perform certain allocation and compliance functions. Applicants with eligible buildings located within the jurisdiction of the above Joint Powers Suballocators (JPS) must apply to Minnesota Housing. Nonprofit applicants may apply both to Minnesota Housing and the suballocator for an allocation. For further information, please contact the suballocator at the telephone numbers listed above.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Access application materials as follows:

• Multifamily RFP and Housing Tax Credits. The Multifamily RFP and Housing Tax Credit application materials and instructions are available on Minnesota Housing's website. If you are unable to access the website or need assistance locating or identifying the appropriate materials, contact the Multifamily Division at (651) 297-3294 or Toll Free: 1-800-657-3701.

RFP TRAINING AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE SESSIONS

• Multifamily and Housing Tax Credit: Multifamily Division staff is available for technical assistance on an on-going basis. Additionally, a Multifamily RFP and Housing Tax Credit webcast has been scheduled for May 7, 2009. Please refer to the Minnesota Housing website at: *http://www.mnhousing.gov/resources/training/mf-assistance/index.aspx* for registration and additional information.

IMPORTANT DATES

Proposal(s) Due

• Multifamily and Housing Tax Credit (2010 Round 1): Must be <u>received by</u> Minnesota Housing by 5:00 p.m. on or before Tuesday, June 16, 2009.

- Developments successfully competing and being selected in HTC 2010 Round 1 under the priorities of the Qualified Allocation Plan will qualify for accelerated selection processing with recommendations made on August 27, 2009.
- Multifamily RFP and 2010 Housing Tax Credit applications must include the following materials:
 - 1). The Multifamily Application Form electronically submitted,
 - 2). The Multifamily Application Form with original signature plus 2 copies, and
 - 3). All required attachments (narratives, forms and submittals) plus two (2) copies
 - 4). Housing Tax Credit Application Fee
 - 5). Electronically submitted designated attachments as noted on the Master Application Checklist.

Please refer to the Minnesota Housing website at:

http://www.mnhousing.gov/resources/apply/multifamily/index.aspx

NOTE: Except as provided above, applications which are faxed, e-mailed, submitted late or determined to be incomplete will not be accepted and will be returned to the applicant.

Minnesota Housing Board Approval

• Multifamily RFP and Housing Tax Credit (2010 Round 1) funding recommendations for accelerated process proposals will

be made on August 27, 2009. Funding recommendations for non-accelerated proposals will be made no later than the October 22, 2009 Minnesota Housing Board meeting.

Funding Notification

• Notification of Multifamily Programs and 2010 Housing Tax Credit funding awards will be posted on the Minnesota Housing website after the Board meetings noted above. Selection letters will be mailed within 10 business days of the approval.

It is the policy of Minnesota Housing to further fair housing opportunity in all Minnesota Housing programs and to administer its housing programs affirmatively, so that all Minnesotans of similar income levels have equal access to Agency programs regardless of race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, marital status, status with regard to receipt of public assistance, disability, or family status.

This request for proposals is subject to all applicable federal, state, and municipal laws, rules, and regulations. Minnesota Housing reserves the right to modify or withdraw this RFP at any time and is not able to reimburse any applicant for costs incurred in the preparation or submittal of proposals.

Minnesota Department of Human Services (DHS) Community Partnership Division Resettlement Programs Office

Notice of Request for Proposals to Provide Services and Activities which Will Result in Employment Outcomes for Refugees, Asylees and Victims of Severe Form of Trafficking

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Department of Human Services is requesting proposals to provide services and activities which will result in employment outcomes for refugees, asylees and victims of severe form of trafficking.

Work is proposed to start on 10/1/2009. For more information, or to obtain a copy of the Request for Proposal, contact:

Mohamed Ahmed Department of Human Services Resettlement Programs Office P.O. Box 64962 444 Lafayette Road North St. Paul, MN 551550962 Phone: (651) 431-3851 Fax: (651) 431-7483 E-mail: Mohamed.Ahmed@state.mn.us

This is the only person designated to answer questions by potential responders regarding this request.

Proposals submitted in response to this Request for Proposals must be received at the address above no later than 4:00 p.m., Central Time, on June 19, 2009. Late proposals will NOT be considered. Faxed or e-mailed proposals will NOT be considered.

The RFP can be viewed by visiting the Minnesota Department of Human Services RFP web site: http://www.dhs.state.mn.us/main/id_000102

This request does not obligate the State to complete the work contemplated in this notice. The State reserves the right to cancel this solicitation. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

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Community Partnership Division

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Informal Solicitations: Informal solicitations for professional/technical (consultant) contracts valued at over \$5,000 through \$50,000, may either be published in the *State Register* or posted on the Department of Administration, Materials Management Division's (MMD) Web site. Interested vendors are encouraged to monitor the P/T Contract Section of the MMD Web site at *www.mmd.admin.state.mn.us* for informal solicitation announcements.

Formal Solicitations: Department of Administration procedures require that formal solicitations (announcements for contracts with an estimated value over \$50,000) for professional/technical contracts must be published in the *State Register*. Certain quasi-state agency and Minnesota State College and University institutions are exempt from these requirements.

Requirements: There are no statutes or rules requiring contracts to be advertised for any specific length of time, but the Materials Management Division strongly recommends meeting the following requirements:

\$0 - \$5000 does not need to be advertised. Contact the Materials Management Division: (651) 296-2600 \$5,000 - \$25,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a period of at least seven calendar days; \$25,000 - \$50,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a period of at least 14 calendar days; and anything above \$50,000 should be advertised in the *State Register* for a minimum of at least 21 calendar day

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State Department of Administration (Admin)

Notice of Availability of Request for Proposal (RFP) for Designer Selection for the Unmanned Aircraft Systems Operating Facility (UASOF) at Camp Ripley, Little Falls, Minnesota

(State Designer Selection Board Project No. 09-03)

The State of Minnesota, Department of Administration, is soliciting proposals from interested, qualified consultants for architectural and engineering design services for the above referenced project.

A full Request for Proposals is available on the Minnesota National Guard's website http://www.MinnesotaNationalGuard.org/rfp.

Along with the Request for Proposals, the Predesign/Programming Document Report (dated March 20, 2009) is also available for review at *http://www.MinnesotaNationalGuard.org/rfp*.

A MANDATORY informational meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 7, 2009 at 10:30 a.m CDT, at the Facilities Management Office at the Camp Ripley National Guard Armory, Little Falls, Minnesota.

Project questions will be taken by Patrick Rolph at fax number 320.632.7473 or *pat.rolph@mn.ngb.army.mil*. Project questions will be **answered** at the mandatory meeting and by addendum posted on the website *http://www.MinnesotaNationalGuard.org/rfp*.

Proposals must be delivered to Sherry Van Horn, State Designer Selection Board, Real Estate & Construction Services, Room 309, Administration Building, 50 Sherburne Ave., St. Paul, MN 55155, phone: (651) 201-2376) not later than 12:00 P.M. CDT on Monday, May 18, 2009. Late responses will not be considered.

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The Minnesota National Guard is not obligated to complete the proposed project and reserves the right to cancel the solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Division of Academic and Student Affairs NOTICE OF REQUEST FOR INFORMATION from Vendors that Provide Software to Manage Academic Program Inventory Applications

The State of Minnesota, acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities ("MnSCU"), requests information from vendors. MnSCU will be making a decision to either build or buy software to replace an existing system used for processing academic program applications and for managing an inventory of academic programs offered by state colleges and universities in the MnSCU system. MnSCU is interested in having vendors identify the extent to which they are able to meet business requirements at a competitive cost through a custom-off-the-shelf application.

The complete Request for Information (RFI) and draft business requirements documents can be obtained online at: *www.programreview.project.mnscu.edu*. The person named below is the only person designated to distribute copies and answer questions regarding this RFI.

Ron Dreyer, Minnesota State Colleges & Universities **Phone:** (651) 296-9596 or (651) 297-3550 **E-mail:** ron.dreyer@so.mnscu.edu

Proposals must be delivered to:

Minnesota State Colleges & Universities ATTN: Ron Dreyer, Academic Programs Wells Fargo Place 30 7th St. E., Suite 350 St. Paul, Minnesota 55101-7804

Proposals must be received NOT later than May 22, 2009 at 4:30 P.M. CDT; late responses will not be considered.

MnSCU reserves the right to cancel this solicitation if it is considered to be in MnSCU's best interest. The request for information is not a guarantee of work and does not obligate MnSCU to award any contracts. All expenses incurred in responding to this notice are solely the responsibility of the responder.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Anoka Ramsey Community College, Cambridge Campus Notice of Intent to Request Bids for a New Parking Lot

Project Description:	For the construction of a new 100 stall parking lot and relocation of infilt	ration basin.
Sealed Bids to:	Heidi Vidor, Business Office Room D223, Campus Center Building, Anoka Ramsey Community College, Cambridge Campus 300 Spirit River Drive South Cambridge, MN 55008	
Pre-Bid Meeting:	10:00 AM, Thursday, May 7, 2009	
Page 1812	State Register, Monday 27 April 2009	(Cite 33 SR 1812)

Room E 244, Campus Center Building Review Bid Documents, bidding procedures, other conditions, and answer questions.

Bid Date & Time:10:00 AM, Thursday, May 14, 2009Room E 244, Campus Center Building
All Bids will be opened and publicly read aloud.

Bid Documents: Bidding Documents as prepared by the Project Architect/Engineer; 2009 Parking Lot Expansion, Larson Engineering, Inc. are on file at the offices of the:

- 1) above named Project Architect/Engineer
- 2) Builders' Exchanges: St. Cloud, St. Paul and Minneapolis
- 3) McGraw Hill Construction Plan Room
- 4) MEDA Minority Contractors Plan Room

Complete sets only of Bidding Documents for use by Bidders in submitting a bid may be obtained at the following address:

Larson Engineering, Inc 3524 Labore Road White Bear Lake, MN 55110 (651) 481-9120

A deposit of \$100.00 is required for each set. Since this project is being re-bid, contractors who have submitted a deposit for sets issued prior to the September 18, 2008 bid opening will be issued sets as requested with no required deposit.

Each bid which totals over \$15,000.00 shall be accompanied by a certified check, payable to **Minnesota State Colleges and Universities,** in the sum of not less than 5% of the total base bid; or a corporate surety bond of a surety company duly authorized to do business in the state of Minnesota in the same amount; which is submitted as bid security, conditioned upon the Bidder entering into a contract with Minnesota State Colleges and Universities in accordance with the terms of the bid.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Hennepin Technical College Notice of Availability of Request for Proposal (RFP) for Owner's Representative Services Selection for Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park and Eden Prairie Boilers Replacement

The State of Minnesota, acting through its Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, on behalf of Hennepin Technical College, is soliciting proposals from interested, qualified consultants and intends to retain a professional consulting firm to provide Owner's Representative services to assist with the completion of the construction documents and construction coordination for the above project.

A full Request for Proposals is available on the Minnesota State Colleges Universities website: http://www.finance.mnscu.edu/facilities/index.html, click on "Announcements."

An informational meeting is scheduled for 9:00 a.m., Wednesday, May 6, 2009 in Room C103, on the Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park campus, 9000 Brooklyn Boulevard, Brooklyn Park, MN 55445. Firms interested in this meeting should contact Diane Paulson, at *diane.paulson@hennepintech.edu* to sign up to attend the meeting. Project questions will also be taken by this individual.

Proposals must be delivered to Diane Paulson, VP Administrative Services, Hennepin Technical College, Brooklyn Park campus,

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9000 Brooklyn Boulevard, Brooklyn Park, MN 55445, not later than 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, May 13, 2009. Late responses will not be considered.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities is not obligated to complete the proposed project and reserves the right to cancel the solicitation if it is considered to be in its best interest.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Minneapolis Community & Technical College Notice of Intent to Request Proposals for a Campus Emergency Notification System for Students, Staff and Faculty

Description:	Emergency Notification System must be a fully-hosted, time-sensitive alert system for emergency and general outreach messaging.
Due Date:	Thursday May 14, 2009 at 2:00pm CDT
Contact:	Michael Noble-Olson / Purchasing Manager 1501 Hennepin Avenue Minneapolis, MN 55403 Phone: (612) 659-6866 E-mail: michael.noble-olson@minneapolis.edu

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Ridgewater College - Willmar Advertisement for Bids for Carpentry Department Dust Collection System

Sealed Bids for:	Ridgewater College Carpentry Department Dust Collection System Willmar Campus Willmar, Minnesota
will be received by:	Gary Myhre, Director of Facilities and Auxilliary Services Ridgewater College – Willmar Campus Administration Building (Helland Hall) 2101 15 th Avenue NW PO Box 1097, Willmar, MN 56201
Bids are due by 2 PM local time, T	hursday, May 14, 2009 and mailed or delivered to: Gary Myhre, Ridgewater College, PO Box 1097, 2101 15 Ave NW, Willmar MN 56201

Project Scope: Installation of a new dust collection system in the Carpentry Shop at the Willmar MN Campus of Ridgewater College.

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held **10 AM**, **Monday**, **May 4**, **2009** in H104 of the Administration Building/Helland Hall, at the Ridgewater College - Willmar Campus. The Engineer and/or College Representatives will review the bidding procedures, Bidding Documents and other

conditions with interested Bidders and answer questions.

Bidding Documents as prepared by the Project Engineer; Obermiller Nelson Engineering Inc., are on file at the offices of the:

- 1) Obermiller Nelson Engineering Inc.
- 2) Minneapolis and St. Paul Builders' Exchanges.
- 3) McGraw Hill Construction Plan Room
- 4) Reed Construction Data Plan Room
- 5) MEDA Minority Contractors Plan Room
- 6) National Association of Minority Contractors of Upper Midwest

Complete sets only of Bidding Documents for use by Bidders in submitting a bid may be obtained at the following address:

Obermiller Nelson 2201 12TH ST N #E FARGO ND 58102 (701)280-0500

A refundable deposit of **\$50.00** is required for each set.

Prospective Bidders requesting that Bidding Documents (complete sets only) be mailed to them, may send a separate non-refundable payment (check made out to the Engineer) for **\$20.00 per set for shipping & handling** (in addition to \$200.00 refundable deposit) to the Engineer. Such deposits and payments may be sent prior to **May 4, 2009.** Documents will be sent to street addresses only (P.O. Boxes not acceptable).

Each bid which totals over \$15,000.00 shall be accompanied by a certified check, payable to **Minnesota State Colleges and Universities,** in the sum of not less than 5% of the total base bid; or a corporate surety bond of a surety company duly authorized to do business in the state of Minnesota in the same amount; which is submitted as bid security, conditioned upon the Bidder entering into a contract with Minnesota State Colleges and Universities in accordance with the terms of the bid.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) South Central College - North Mankato Request for Bids to Upgrade Audio-Visual Equipment

South Central College is seeking bids on a project to upgrade our audio-visual equipment. We are seeking bids on the following Extron equipment:

Quantity	Part #	Description
15	60-560-01	switcher
15	60-600-82	IP DV and controller
25	60-943-02	lecturn box
20	60-506-03	vga distribution amp
10	60-600-12	controller
10	70-494-02	switch panel
25	70-283-01	IR emitter kit

Technical questions about this process should be submitted to Mr. Charles Goettlicher at (507) 389-7285 or e-mail to *Charles.goettlicher@southcentral.edu*. Sealed bids will be accepted up to 12:00 noon on May 11, 2009.

The official bid opening will then be at 1:00 pm on May 11, 2009. Sealed bids must be transmitted by US mail or private delivery service. Faxed bids will not be accepted.

Sealed bids should be addressed to:

Attn: Doug Midthun

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South Central College 1920 Lee Boulevard North Mankato, MN 56003

South Central College reserves the right to accept or reject any or all bids. South Central College requests that the winning bid be prepared to deliver the equipment by June 26, 2009.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Winona State University Advertisement for Bids for Phelps Hall HVAC/Electrical Upgrade

Sealed Bids for:	Phelps Hall HVAC/Electrical Upgrade Winona State University Winona, Minnesota
will be received by:	Jay McHenry Winona State University
	Facilities Services 203
	175 West Mark Street
	Winona, Minnesota 55987-5838

Until **1:00 PM**, local time, **Tuesday**, **May 12**, **2009** at which time the bids will be opened in Facilities Services Conference Room 203A and publicly read aloud.

Project Scope: Project consists of a phased installation of a new air handling unit, ductwork, VAV boxes, hot water radiant heat, and controls. Interior renovations which include the creation of offices and a new TV/Radio Studio installed in an existing gymnasium.

A Pre-Bid Meeting will be held at **10 AM**, **Thursday**, **April 30**, **2009**, at the Facilities Services Conference Room 203A at Winona State University. The Engineer and University Representatives will review the bidding procedures, Bidding Documents and other conditions with interested Bidders and answer questions.

Bidding Documents as prepared by the Project Architect/Engineer; Stanley Consultants, are on file at the offices of the:

- 1) above named Project Architect/Engineer.
- 2) following Builders' Exchanges: Eau Claire, La Crosse, Rochester, St. Paul, and Minneapolis.
- 3) McGraw Hill Construction Plan Room.
- 4) Reed Construction Data Plan Room.
- 5) MEDA Minority Contractors Plan Room.
- 6) National Association of Minority Contractors of Upper Midwest.

Complete sets only of Bidding Documents for use by Bidders in submitting a bid may be obtained at the following address:

Ms. Melissa Lidberg Stanley Consultants, Inc. 5775 Wayzata Boulevard, Suite 300 Minneapolis, MN 55416 **Phone:** (952) 738-4321 **Fax:** (952) 546-4279

Prospective Bidders requesting that Bidding Documents (complete sets only) be mailed to them must send a NON-REFUNDABLE payment (check made out to Stanley Consultants, Inc.) for \$50.00 per set for shipping, handling, and reproduction costs. Documents will be sent to street addresses only (P.O. Boxes not acceptable).

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Each bid which totals over \$15,000.00 shall be accompanied by a certified check, payable to **Minnesota State Colleges and Universities,** in the sum of not less than 5% of the total base bid; or a corporate surety bond of a surety company duly authorized to do business in the state of Minnesota in the same amount; which is submitted as bid security, conditioned upon the Bidder entering into a contract with Minnesota State Colleges and Universities in accordance with the terms of the bid.

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities (MnSCU) Winona State University Advertisement for Bids for 440 Three-Position Wood and Upholstered Chairs

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Winona State University is seeking bids for 440 three-position wood and upholstered chairs.

Bid specifications will be available April 27, 2009 by contacting the Purchasing Department at P.O. Box 5838, 205 Somsen Hall, Winona, MN 55987, e-mail *sschmitt@winona.edu* or by calling (507) 457-5067.

Sealed bids must be received by Sandra Schmitt at P.O. Box 5838, or at 175 W. Mark St., Somsen 205G, Business Office, Winona State University, Winona, MN 55987 by 3:00 PM Tuesday, May 12, 2009.

Winona State University reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any irregularities or informalities in bids received.

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) DNR Land Sale of Parcels Located in Northern Counties of the State

The DNR will offer 24 parcels of land for sale at two public auctions scheduled for May 27 and 28, 2009. Twenty of the parcels will be offered at an oral auction at the MN Department of Transportation Building (7694 Industrial Park Road, Baxter, MN 56425) on Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at 1:00 p.m., with registration to begin at 12:45 p.m. The parcels to be offered in this auction are generally located in the northern counties of the state - Aitkin (2), Becker (1), Beltrami (1), Cass (3), Crow Wing (3), Itasca (1), Lake (2), Pine (1), Marshall (1) and St. Louis (5).

Any remaining parcels that are not sold at the May 27 auction will be reoffered on Thursday, May 28, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. This auction will take place at the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Central Office (500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55125). There will also be five new parcels offered at this auction which are located in central and southern Minnesota - Hennepin County (1), Dakota County (2), Blue Earth County (1), and Olmsted County (1).

Additional information regarding the properties being offered and land sale terms and conditions can be found at: www.dnr.state.mn.us/lands_minerals/landsale/index.html.

You can also e-mail us at LandSale@dnr.state.mn.us or contact a land sales representative by phone at (651) 259-5432.

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Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) Engineering Services Division Notice of Potential Availability of Contracting Opportunities for a Variety of Highway Related Technical Activities ("Consultant Pre-Qualification Program")

This document is available in alternative formats for persons with disabilities by calling Juanita Voigt at (651) 366-4774 for persons who are hearing or speech impaired by calling Minnesota Relay Service at (800) 627-3529.

Mn/DOT, worked in conjunction with the Consultant Reform Committee, the American Council of Engineering Companies of Minnesota (ACEC/MN), and the Department of Administration, to develop the Consultant Pre-Qualification Program as a new method of consultant selection. The ultimate goal of the Pre-Qualification Program is to streamline the process of contracting for highway related professional/technical services. Mn/DOT awards most of its consultant contracts for highway-related technical activities using this method, however, Mn/DOT also reserves the right to use Request for Proposal (RFP) or other selection processes for particular projects. Nothing in this solicitation requires Mn/DOT to use the Consultant Pre-Qualification Program.

Mn/DOT is currently requesting applications from consultants. Refer to Mn/DOT's Consultant Services web site, indicated below, to see which highway related professional/technical services are available for application. Applications are accepted on a continual basis. All expenses are incurred in responding to this notice will be borne by the responder. Response to this notice becomes public information under the Minnesota Government Data Practices.

Consultant Pre-Qualification Program information, application requirements and applications forms are available on Mn/DOT's Consultant Services web site at: *http://www.dot.state.mn.us/consult*.

Send completed application material to:

Juanita Voigt Consultant Services Office of Technical Support Minnesota Department of Transportation 395 John Ireland Blvd. Mail Stop 680

Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) Engineering Services Division Notice Concerning Professional/Technical Contract Opportunities and Taxpayers' Transportation Accountability Act Notices

NOTICE TO ALL: The Minnesota Department of Transportation (Mn/DOT) is now placing additional public notices for professional/technical contract opportunities on Mn/DOT's Consultant Services **website** at: *www.dot.state.mn.us/consult*

New Public notices may be added to the website on a daily basis and be available for the time period as indicated within the public notice. Mn/DOT is also posting notices as required by the Taxpayers' Transportation Accountability Act on the above referenced website.

Non-State Bids, Contracts & Grants

The *State Register* also serves as a central marketplace for contracts let out on bid by the public sector. The *State Register* meets state and federal guidelines for statewide circulation of public notices. Any tax-supported institution or government jurisdiction may advertise contracts and requests for proposals from the private sector. It is recommended that contracts and RFPs include the following: 1) name of contact person; 2) institution name, address, and telephone number; 3) brief description of commodity, project or tasks; 4) cost estimate; and 5) final submission date of completed contract proposal. Allow at least three weeks from publication date (four weeks from the date article is submitted for publication). Surveys show that subscribers are interested in hearing about contracts for estimates as low as \$1,000. Contact editor for futher details.

Metropolitan Council Contracting Opportunities

The Metropolitan Council posts all notices of Requests for Proposals (RFP) and Invitations for Bids (IFB) for all of its divisions on its website: *http://www.metrocouncil.org* (see Doing Business with the Council, Contracting Opportunities). Project-specific instructions for obtaining the solicitation documents are provided in each notice.

If you have any questions regarding this advertisement, or need assistance accessing the notices, please contact: Miriam, for Metropolitan Council projects, at (651) 602-1095 or *miriam.lopez-rieth@metc.state.mn.us*; or Candace, for Metro Transit projects, at (612) 349-5070 or *candace.osiecki@metc.state.mn.us*.

Minnehaha Creek Watershed District Solicitation of Bids for Vegetation Maintenance at Ten Sites

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District (MCWD) is soliciting bids for the maintenance of vegetation at ten sites. The sites are Calhoun Stormwater Ponds, Cedar Meadows, Twin Lakes Park pond, Nokomis Knoll, Gateway, and Amelia ponds at Lake Nokomis, Long Lake Nelson Park Shoreline and ponds, Minnehaha Creek Headwaters Park, Independence Wetland, and Gideon Glen, in Hennepin County, MN. Work shall begin on or after June 5, 2009. Work shall be complete no later than Nov 30, 2013.

Sealed Bid Proposals for the furnishing of all labor, materials and all other items necessary to complete the work including staging and access to the site will be received by Minnehaha Creek Watershed District at its office, 18202 Minnetonka Boulevard, Deephaven, MN until 1:00 PM May 21, 2009. Bid submittals must be clearly labeled "MCWD VEGETATION MAINTENANCE BID PACKAGE" on the outside of the submittal package. All communications relative to this project should be addressed to the Project Manager prior to opening of the Bid. Minnehaha Creek Watershed District: Attention Natalie White, nwhite@minnehahacreek.org or phone (952) 471-0590.

Contractors desiring a copy of the instructions to bidders, plans, specifications and proposal forms must obtain them from the office of Minnehaha Creek Watershed District, upon the payment of a \$65.00 non-refundable fee for each bid package.

A MANDATORY PRE-BID MEETING will be held at the Minnehaha Creek Watershed District office at 1:00 PM on May 14, 2009.

Each bid proposal shall be submitted on forms furnished for that purpose. Each bid proposal shall be accompanied by a "Bid Security" in the form of a certified or cashier's check made payable to Minnehaha Creek Watershed District ("owner") in an amount not less than five percent (5%) of the total bid, or a surety bond in the same amount, running to the Owner, with a surety company duly authorized to do business in the state of Minnesota, such Bid Security to be a guarantee that the bidder, if awarded a contract, will enter into a contract with Minnehaha Creek Watershed District; and the amount of the certified check will be retained or the bond enforced by the Owner in case the bidder fails to do so. The Owner will retain the deposits for the three lowest bidders until the contract has been awarded and executed but not longer than sixty (60) days. No bid may be withdrawn for a period of sixty (60) days following the bid opening.

The bid of the lowest responsible bidder is intended to be accepted on or before the expiration of sixty (60) days after the date of the opening of bids. The Owner, however, reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to wave any minor irregularities, informalities or discrepancies, and further reserves the right to award the contract in the best interest of Minnehaha Creek Watershed District.

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