

**115A.12 ADVISORY COUNCILS.**

(a) The commissioner shall establish an Environmental Innovations Advisory Council that is broadly representative of the geographic areas and interests of the state.

(b) The Environmental Innovations Advisory Council shall have not less than nine or more than 24 members. The membership shall consist of citizen, government, institutional, and business representatives.

(c) The chair of the advisory council shall be appointed by the commissioner. The commissioner shall provide administrative and staff services for the advisory council. The advisory council shall have such duties as are assigned by law or the commissioner. The Environmental Innovations Advisory Council shall make recommendations to the agency on policy, programs, and legislation in pollution prevention, waste reduction, reuse, recycling, and resource conservation. The Environmental Innovations Advisory Council shall focus on developing and implementing innovative programs that improve Minnesota's environment by emphasizing front-end preventative, and resource conservation approaches to preventing waste and pollution. The council shall emphasize partnerships of government, citizens, institutions, and business to develop and implement these programs. Members of the advisory council shall serve without compensation but shall be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses as determined by the commissioner. Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, the Environmental Innovations Advisory Council expires June 30, 2009.

**History:** 1980 c 564 art 2 s 9; 1981 c 356 s 120; 1983 c 289 s 115 subd 1; 1986 c 444; 1987 c 312 art 1 s 5; 1987 c 384 art 2 s 19; 1988 c 629 s 18; 1989 c 325 s 4; 1Sp1989 c 1 art 18 s 4; 1991 c 322 s 19; 1994 c 480 s 8; 1995 c 247 art 2 s 4; 1997 c 7 art 1 s 29; 1997 c 45 s 1; 2001 c 161 s 17; 1Sp2005 c 1 art 2 s 129,161