

Clean Water Council

1) The mission of each group

The Clean Water Council, established in 2006, was created to advise on the administration and implementation of the [Clean Water Legacy Act](#).

2) Membership list and whether any compensation is provided to those members

- Marilyn Bernhardson (representing Soil and Water Conservation Districts)
- Pamela Blixt (representing Watershed Districts)
- Gary Burdorf (representing Township Officers)
- Tannie Eshenaur (representing the MN Department of Health)
- Patrick Flowers (representing Business Organizations)
- Warren Formo (representing Statewide Farm Organizations)
- Keith Hanson (representing Business Organizations)
- John Harren (representing City Governments)
- Robert Hoefert (representing Statewide Farm Organizations)
- Frank Jewell (representing County Governments in rural areas)
- Bradley Kalk (representing Tribal Governments)
- Michael McKay (representing Environmental Organizations)
- Gene Merriam (representing Environmental Organizations)
- Jason Moeckel (representing the MN Department of Natural Resources)
- Senator David J. Osmeck (representing the MN Senate)
- Gaylen Reetz (representing the MN Pollution Control Agency)
- Victoria Reinhardt (representing County Governments in the seven-county metro area)
- Todd Renville (representing Statewide Hunting Organizations)
- Sandy Rummel (representing the Metropolitan Council)
- Senator Bev Scalze (representing the MN Senate)
- Louis Smith (representing Nonprofit Organizations focused on improving MN lakes or streams)
- Deborah Swackhamer (representing the University of Minnesota)
- Doug Thomas (representing the MN Board of Water and Soil Resources)
- Representative Paul Torkelson (representing the MN House of Representatives)
- John Underhill (representing Statewide Fishing Organizations)
- Matthew Wohlman (representing the MN Department of Agriculture)
- Representative Barb Yarusso (representing the MN House of Representatives)
- Current vacancy (representing City Governments) as of 8/1/13

Compensation:

Members may be compensated at the rate of \$55 a day spent on council or committee activities, plus expenses in the same manner and amount as authorized by the commissioner's plan adopted under section 43A.18, subdivision 2. Members who, as a result of time spent attending council or committee meetings, incur child care expenses that would not otherwise have been incurred, may be reimbursed for those expenses upon council or committee authorization. Members who are state employees or employees of political subdivisions must not receive the daily compensation for activities that occur during working hours for which they are compensated by the state or political subdivision. However, a state or political subdivision employee may receive the daily payment if the employee uses vacation time or compensatory time accumulated in accordance with a collective bargaining agreement or compensation plan for council or committee activity. Members who are state employees or employees of the political subdivisions of the state may receive the expenses provided for in this section unless the expenses are reimbursed by another source. Members who are state employees or employees of political subdivisions of the state may be reimbursed for child care expenses only for time spent on board activities that are outside their working hours.

3) The budget of each group

For FY14-15, the budget set aside in the Clean Water Fund for Clean Water Council operations is \$80,000 (this amount does not include MPCA staff time). The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency provides administrative support for the council. The MPCA provides staff time (1.7 FTE) for the Clean Water Council and the cost is estimated to be \$226,000 for FY14-15.

4) The most recent three meeting dates, including any future meeting dates

The Clean Water Council meets monthly. The most recent three meeting dates were May 20th, 2013, June 17th, 2013, and July 15th, 2013. The Clean Water Council will continue to meet monthly for the foreseeable future with the next meeting scheduled for August 18th-19th, 2013. Subcommittees of the Clean Water Council meet as often as needed.

5) A list of any reports or recommendations issued to the state agency, Legislature or Governor

The Clean Water Council submits a report by December 1 of each even-numbered year to the Legislature on past Clean Water Fund (CWF) activities, recommendations on CWF activities for the next biennium, the impact on economic development of the implementation of efforts to protect and restore groundwater and the impaired waters program, an evaluation of the progress made in implementing the Clean Water Legacy Act and article XI, section 15, of the Minnesota Constitution, the need for funding of future implementation, and recommendations for the sources of funding.

[Biennial Report of the Clean Water Council](#) (2008, 2010, 2012 (updated in 2013))

[Clean Water Council Legislative Update](#) (2008, 2009)

[Addendum to 2008 Biennial Report](#) (2009)

6) A link to the advisory group's website, if available

Clean Water Council website - <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/tchy3f5>

County Subsurface Sewage Treatment System (SSTS) Advisory Committee

1) The mission of each group

The committee has never met. It was determined by the Association of Minnesota Counties (AMC) and MPCA to work with the existing SSTS Advisory Committee, established in Minnesota Rules Chapter 7080 and now described in MR 7083.6000.

2) Membership list and whether any compensation is provided to those members

N/A

3) The budget of each group

N/A

4) The most recent three meeting dates, including any future meeting dates

N/A

5) A list of any reports or recommendations issued to the state agency, Legislature or Governor

N/A

6) A link to the advisory group's website, if available

N/A

Small Business Air Quality Compliance Advisory Council

1) The mission of each group

Render advisory opinions on the effectiveness of the Small Business Environmental Assistance Program, difficulties encountered, and degree and severity of enforcement; Prepare periodic reports on matters relating to the program as requested, to review information intended for small businesses to ensure the information is complete, comprehensive, and understandable to the lay person; and other duties it finds appropriate.

2) Membership list and whether any compensation is provided to those members

Placed on hold since 1996 (from earlier Governor's directive regarding advisory groups).

3) The budget of each group

N/A

4) The most recent three meeting dates, including any future meeting dates

The last meeting was held in 1996.

5) A list of any reports or recommendations issued to the state agency, Legislature or Governor

None

6) A link to the advisory group's website, if available

N/A

Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS) Implementation Task Force

1) The mission of each group

The SSTS Implementation and Enforcement Task Force (SIETF) was formed to provide a place where counties can directly communicate SSTS concerns to MPCA and we can work together to address them. During the legislative process single representatives from the SSTS contractors association (Minnesota Onsite Wastewater Association) and the Minnesota Realtors were added. Other interested parties attend from time to time because the meetings are open to the public.

2) Membership list and whether any compensation is provided to those members

	Name	Affiliation	MACPZA
			Area
Members	Eric Buitenwerf	Hubbard Co	A
	Terry Neff	Aitkin Co	B

	Chris Pence	Crow Wing Co	C
	Eric VanDyken	Kandiyohi Co	D
	Mandy Landkamer	Nicollet Co	E
	Dale Oolman	Steele Co	F
	Annalee Garletz	Assoc of MN Counties	
	Ron Jaspersen	MN Onsite Wastewater Assoc	
	Ryan Hamilton	MN Assoc of Realtors	
	Amanda Strommer	Washington County/ MEHA	
Interested Parties	Sara Heger	U of MN	
	Bill Patnaude	Beltrami Co	A
	Lowell Johnson	Washington County/ MEHA	
	Paul Eger	MN Assoc of Realtors	
MPCA Participants	Ron Swenson	SSTS Compliance	
	Gene Soderbeck	SSTS Policy	
	Gretchen Sabel	SSTS Policy	

No compensation is provided.

3) The budget of each group

The group has no budget.

4) The most recent three meeting dates, including any future meeting dates

The group meets on the 4th Thursday of the month during the winter although sometimes alternate dates are needed to accommodate schedules. In 2013, the meeting dates were 1/24/13, 3/1/13, 3/28/13 and 4/25/13. Upcoming meetings would be on 11/28/13 and 12/16/13; these dates have holiday conflicts and will be rescheduled to probably a single meeting in early December if a date can be found that works for all.

5) A list of any reports or recommendations issued to the state agency, Legislature or Governor

The group strongly advised MPCA in development of the legislative report on SSTs upgrades in 2011 (<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/view-document.html?gid=15476>) and also provides recommendations on county SSTs funding and other possible legislation.

6) A link to the advisory group's website, if available

There is no website for the group.

Water Supply Systems and Wastewater Treatment Facilities Advisory Council

1) The mission of each group

This committee is responsible for reviewing and recommending modifications, deletions or additions to water and wastewater certification rules/statutes. The committee is also responsible for staying current with wastewater operations and building relationships with city, county, state, federal and private organizations/agencies.

Additionally, the Federal drinking water regulations require stakeholder involvement in the revision and operation of state operator certification programs.

2) Membership list and whether any compensation is provided to those members

Membership must be made up of: one MDH staff, one MPCA staff, three water supply operators, three certified wastewater operators, at least one member must be a representative from an organization representing municipalities and two members must be members of the public not associated with water or wastewater facilities. The current membership is:

Jim Sadler, Steve Burklund, Ken Bakke, Charlie Thompson, Ruth Estes, Howard Jacobson, Henry Gretsfield, John Baerg, Scott Gilbertson, Robert Smude. Supporting staff: Jennifer Koenig-MRWA Don Christenson-MRWA Ruth Hubbard-MRWA Dianne Navratil-MPCA Mark Sloan-MD.

Nongovernment members are allowed reimbursement meals and mileage up to \$55/day. Childcare expenses that are not otherwise needed may be reimbursed. There are two nongovernment people on the council and their reimbursements average about \$80 per meeting. It comes to about \$200 per year and MDH provides the reimbursement.

3) The budget of each group

Lunch costs and all nongovernment member's travel incurred come out of MDH's budget. Total budget has been about \$700 per year for the last few years.

4) The most recent three meeting dates, including any future meeting dates

January 2012, April 2012, October 2012, July 2013. Proposed: October 2013

5) A list of any reports or recommendations issued to the state agency, Legislature or Governor

Recommended rule change to allow wastewater operators to get a conditional certification if their wastewater facility jumped in classification due to major changes. If the facility went from a "C" plant to an "A" plant, the operator would be allowed a conditional certification so he or she could stay at the plant while upgrading their certification. Rule change was implemented.

6) A link to the advisory group's website, if available

<http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/wateroperator/advisorycouncil/minutes/>

Nuclear Waste Council

1) The mission of each group

"...to monitor the federal high-level radioactive waste disposal program under the Nuclear Waste Policy Act, Public Law 97-425 and advise the governor and the legislature on all policy issues relating to the federal high-level radioactive waste disposal program." §116C.712 Subd. 1

2) Membership list and whether any compensation is provided to those members

The Nuclear Waste Council was terminated in 1987 pursuant to §116C.712 Subd. 2 when Congress acted to remove Minnesota from consideration as a host state for a permanent repository and selected Yucca Mountain, Nevada as the single candidate site. Membership as provided in statute (§ 116C.711, Subd. 2) is the commissioners of MDH,

MnDOT, DNR, and MPCA, the director of MGS, and four citizen members, and may include two additional citizen members from potential impacted areas including a tribal member.

3) The budget of each group

The Council has been terminated. The Council was supported by an assessment of nuclear plant operators, but the authority terminated pursuant to §116C.712 Subd. 5 (c) when Congress acted to remove Minnesota from consideration as a host state for a permanent repository in 1987.

4) The most recent three meeting dates, including any future meeting dates

The Council last met in 1986. The meeting dates are unavailable.

5) A list of any reports or recommendations issued to the state agency, Legislature or Governor

After termination of the Council, annual reports on high-level radioactive waste activities were continued from 1991 through 2006. The most-recent report is at <http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/documents/AnnualReport2006-FedNuclear.pdf>.

6) A link to the advisory group's website, if available

The EQB's webpage for its radioactive waste program is at:
<http://www.eqb.state.mn.us/program.html?Id=18121#overview>.

Wild Rice Standards Study Advisory Committee

1) The mission of each group

The 2011 legislation calling for establishment of the Wild Rice Standards Study Advisory Committee says the group's purpose is to:

"...provide input to the commissioner on a protocol for scientific research to assess the impacts of sulfates and other substances on the growth of wild rice, review research results, and provide other advice on the development of future rule amendments to protect wild rice."

2) Membership list and whether any compensation is provided to those members

- Kurt Anderson, Minnesota Power (ALLETE), wild rice harvester
- Leonard Anderson, wild rice harvester, citizen
- Sara Barsel, citizen
- Mike Appelwick, Northeast Technical Services (NTS)
- David Biesboer, University of Minnesota
- Jennifer Engstrom, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Tracy Ekola, Minnesota Environmental Science and Economic Review Board (MESERB)
- Ann Geisen, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources
- Craig Johnson, League of Minnesota Cities
- David Hatchett, Mesabi Mining
- Kathryn Hoffman, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy
- Peter Lee, Lakehead University

- John P. Lenczewski, Minnesota Trout Unlimited
- Paula Maccabee, WaterLegacy
- Joe Mayasich, Western Lake Superior Sanitary District
- Anne Nelson, wild rice harvester, Wetlands and Water Committee of the Sierra Club
- Beth Nelson, Minnesota Cultivated Wild Rice Council
- Frank Ongaro, MiningMinnesota
- Timothy Peterkoski, ArcelorMittal USA, ArcelorMittal Minorca Mine, Hibbing Taconite
- Robert Pillsbury, University of Wisconsin Oshkosh
- Raymie Porter, University of Minnesota
- Robin Richards, ENVIRON International Corporation
- Mike Robertson, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
- Joel Rohde, Red Lake Nation Foods and Red Lake Department of Natural Resources
- Jon Schneider, Ducks Unlimited
- Nancy Schuldt, Fond du Lac Band of Chippewa
- Robert Shimek, wild rice harvester, member of Red Lake Band
- David Skolasinski, Cliffs Natural Resources
- David Smiga, U.S. Steel
- Rod Ustipak, Minnesota Wild Rice Company, wild rice harvester
- Rachel Walker, Barr Engineering
- Darren Vogt, 1854 Treaty Authority

No direct compensation or per diem is provided to the group. The members are provided with refreshments at meetings and meals if meetings extend over lunch or dinner hours.

3) The budget of each group

Some monies from the wild rice standards study appropriation were used for refreshment and lunches when the group's meeting times extend over the lunch hour. The MPCA budgeted \$500 in fiscal year 2012 and \$500 in fiscal year 2013 for support of this group.

4) The most recent three meeting dates, including any future meeting dates

Wild Rice Standards Study Advisory Committee recent meeting dates: April 29, 2013; June 11, 2013; August 8, 2013

5) A list of any reports or recommendations issued to the state agency, Legislature or Governor

The Wild Rice Standards Study Advisory Committee has not provided any reports or recommendations to the MPCA, Legislature or Governor. However, the Wild Rice Standards Study Advisory Committee did provide input on the 2011 Study Protocol and the 2011 report to the Legislature that MPCA was required by the legislation to submit.

6) A link to the advisory group's website, if available

The Wild Rice Standards Study Advisory group does not have its own website, but the MPCA provides some information about the group on its wild rice sulfate standard website, <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/ktqh1083>. This information can be found on the Advisory Committee tab on this page.