

E-mail Received October 3, 2023

Subject: Keep water regulating/testing local

Good morning!

I am just reaching out to let you know that I don't believe anyone outside of MN should be regulating or testing OUR water. As you know we have an abundance of water that other states do not. I do not want someone from the east or west coast regulating MY water, regardless of why. We are smart Minnesotans and can regulate it ourselves.

There is a sneak attack going on here that is disappointing. Please know that many Minnesotans have questions and input:

- why cant we wait on voting until the public has had a chance to way in on this issue?
- Where is the evidence that nitrates in the water supply is at emergency levels or increasing?
- Are municipal wastewater plants the main nitrate source? Septic? Do they even know?  
Residential runoff?
- Please table and cancel this entire hearing until the local famers, local govt, and ag industry stakeholders can testify with preparation and facts on hand. Give farmers and communities a chance to give input.

Thank you,

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