December 3, 2015

Mr. Les Lemm  
Minnesota Board of Water and Soil Resources  
520 Lafayette Road North  
St. Paul, Minnesota  55155

RE: Request for Comments on Possible Amendment to Rules Governing Wetland Conservation,  
Minnesota Rules, Chapter 8420; Revisor’s ID Number R-04356

Dear Mr. Lemm:

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is very interested in this rulemaking to revise  
Minnesota’s wetland conservation rules. This rulemaking provides an opportunity to consider both  
wetland and water quality protection and improvement activities in the creation of wetland  
replacement credits.

We have worked with the Board of Water and Soil Resources through the Interagency Northeast  
Mitigation Siting Team to consider the high demand for compensatory wetland mitigation in that region.  
We look forward continuing to collaborate with you as you work to implement some of that team’s  
recommendations in rules. In particular, we are interested in working with you and our other partners,  
such as the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, to develop replacement credit strategies and ratios related to  
high priority areas for wetland replacement and new actions eligible for wetland replacement credit in  
the Northeast area of the state.

We welcome the opportunity to be involved in the process as you form your advisory committee and  
move forward with developing the rules.

Sincerely,

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