

Roles and Responsibilities of Government for Surface Water Regulation	
<b>Federal Government</b>	<p><b>U.S. Environmental Protection Agency</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clean Water Act – requires states to identify and submit a list of impaired waters; investigate and identify sources of impairment; and determine Total Maximum Daily Loads.</li> </ul> <p><b>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Rivers and Harbors Act, Sec. 10 – placement of structures in navigable waters of the U.S.; work in or affecting navigable waters of the U.S.</li> <li>• Clean Water Act Section 404 Permits – permit for discharge of dredged or fill material into the waters of the U.S.</li> </ul>
<b>State Government</b>	<p><b>Minnesota Pollution Control Agency</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water Quality Certification, Section 401 of the Clean Water Act – certification for activities that require federal permits (Section 10, Section 404, FERC).</li> <li>• Surface Water Standards – establish standards for surface water quality.</li> <li>• Surface Water Ambient Monitoring Program – establish background water quality statewide.</li> <li>• Impaired Waters – complete major watershed assessments; propose impaired waters list; work with cooperators on study, TMDLs, Restoration and Protection Plan.</li> <li>• Permits for Chemical Treatment (Alum) – both the MPCA and DNR must issue a permit for chemical treatment.</li> </ul> <p><b>Department of Natural Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public Waters Work Permit – permits for work taking place below the ordinary high water level of public waters.</li> <li>• Lake Aeration Permit – permit for installation and operation of an aeration system in public waters</li> <li>• Dam Safety Permit – permit required to perform major dam maintenance; modify dam operation; reconstruct, remove, or build a dam; or transfer a dam’s ownership. Some exemptions for smaller dams.</li> <li>• Permit for Chemical Treatments (Alum) – both DNR and MPCA must permit these treatments.</li> <li>• Surface Water Appropriation Permits – permit required to withdraw surface water for irrigation.</li> <li>• Surface Water Hydrology Programs – monitoring and assistance for gaging and rating curves.</li> </ul> <p><b>Board of Water and Soil Resources</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• County Comprehensive Water Plans – reviews county comprehensive water plans.</li> <li>• Watershed Management Organization/Watershed District Oversight – sets requirements for watershed management organizations/Watershed Districts; reviews and approves major reports, such as Watershed Plans and Annual Reports.</li> <li>• Conflict Resolution – provides resolution of water policy issues and conflicts.</li> <li>• Legislative Liaison – provides forum for local issues, priorities to be incorporated into state public policy; coordinates state and federal resources to realize local priorities.</li> <li>• Soil and Water Conservation District Oversight – functions as the state soil conservation agency; sets requirements for SWCDs; reviews and approves major documents; directs private land soil and water conservation programs.</li> <li>• Minnesota Wetland Conservation Act – administers rules for WCA.</li> </ul> <p><b>Minnesota Dept. of Public Safety</b></p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency Response – state duty officer notified of any leaks, spills, or incidents affecting surface water.</li> </ul> <p><b>Minnesota Dept. of Agriculture</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Emergency Response – state duty officer notified of any leaks, spills, or incidents affecting surface water.</li> <li>Monitoring – conducts monitoring and assessment of agricultural chemicals in groundwater and surface water.</li> </ul> <p><b>Metropolitan Council</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>River and Stream Water Quality Monitoring Program in Metro Area</li> </ul>
<b>Watershed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>VRWJPO</b></li> <li>Watershed Planning – develop and adopt a Watershed Management Plan</li> <li>Monitoring – develops and implements monitoring programs to assess current condition, trends, constituent concentrations, and loading.</li> <li>Subwatershed Assessments – conducts assessment of physical river and stream conditions to identify structural and habitat restoration needs.</li> <li>Restore Impaired Waters – implement strategies to restore water quality to state standards.</li> <li>Protect through Standards – set standards for floodplain alteration, wetland alteration, buffers, intercommunity flows, and drainage alteration protective of water quality and flow rates/volumes.</li> <li>Compliance – ensure local adoption and implementation of local water management plans and VRWJPO Standards.</li> </ul>
<b>County</b>	<p><b>Dakota County SWCD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wetland Conservation Act Rules and Administration – regulates draining and filling wetlands larger than 2,000 sq. feet; requires 2:1 replacement of drained or filled wetlands.</li> </ul> <p><b>Scott County SWCD</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wetland Conservation Act Rules and Administration – regulates wetlands through Minn. Rules Chapter 8420 in Sand Creek Township only.</li> </ul>
<b>City (Incorporated)</b>	<p><b>Cities (Incorporated)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Local Water Management Plans – cities adopt watershed standards in Local Water Management Plans and adopt ordinances to implement the plan; permits issued.</li> <li>Wetland Conservation Act Rules and Administration – regulates wetlands through Minn. Rules Chapter 8420 within city limits in Scott County.</li> <li>Lake and Stream Management Plans – plan to protect, improve, and maintain lakes or stream, with or without an impaired waters involvement.</li> </ul>
<b>Townships (Unincorporated)</b>	<p><b>Townships (Unincorporated)</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Wetland Conservation Act Rules and Administration – regulates wetlands through Minn. Rules Chapter 8420 within each township in Scott County.</li> <li>Local Water Management Plans – townships adopt watershed standards in Local Water Management Plans and adopt ordinances to implement the plan; permits issued for erosion and sediment control.</li> </ul>