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Your actions and decisions are respondsible for our future. Clean drinking water will continue to be one of Minnesota's greatest assets in the future, trust me, I have lived many places where you cannot drink the water. Before you put profits over people, I reccommend visiting Flint, Michigan.

Sincerely, Savannah Villa 1910 East 3rd Street, #1 Duluth, MN 55812

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Please remember, the C in MPCA stands for CONTROL.

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I am a Registered Nurse working in the metro area. Nurses know that damage to the environment - including damage caused by pollution of water supplies - harms the health of individuals, families, communities, and populations. I urge the MPCA to weigh these issues carefully and to prioritize health over corporate interests.

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Who are the ultimate "stakeholders" in this fight for Minnesota's fresh water? Is it foreign mining interests and corporate giants operating on daily stock prices and earnings ? Or is it the generations of Minnesotans today and into the future? You must "do your sworn job" and protect our water from myopic legislators and profiteers! Sincerely, Daniel Iverson 4640 North Arm Drive Mound, MN 55364 612-419-1767

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Sincerely, Elene Loecher 4300 W River Pkwy Apt 205 Minneapolis, MN 55406 612-722-0149

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Sincerely, Patty McDonald 2150 Mailand Road E Saint Paul, MN 55119 651-739-5006

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Dear Ms. O'Dell, MPCA Staff, and Commissioner,

I can think of no charge to the MPCA that is more important than keeping our drinking water safe for families across the state, now and in the future. I welcome the the opportunity to comment on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's concepts for changes to drinking water Class 1 rules.

The MPCA, as our regulatory agency, should take these steps to protect drinking water in the public interest :

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Protecting Minnesota's drinking water from the kind of pollution that we have increasingly seen reported across the nation is a critical task for the MPCA. Please make it the priority it deserves.

Sincerely, Beth Tamminen 502 Madison Ave Duluth, MN 55811 218-727-5319

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Sincerely, Kay M Randall 520 32nd Avenue South Moorhead, MN 56560 121-879-0505

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It is WAY past time for our beautiful State of MN to strengthen the standards for drinking water. Pollutants are too often allowed to be tolerated by this Agency-seemingly in protecting big Ag and Companies. Too many wells, and areas are actually showing contamination. Once done almost impossible to undo.

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5. Strengthen the MPCA's enforcement of existing rules that protect Class 1 drinking water. The best way to protect Minnesota drinking water is to enforce the rules that are already on the books.

Please make protecting Minnesota's drinking water and the public interest your agency's priority.

Sincerely, Gwendolyn Fassett 3901 Xerxes Ave. So. Minneapolis, MN 55410 612-708-1657

# **RE: MPCA Water Quality Standards for Drinking Water (Class 1 Rules)**

Dear Ms. O'Dell, MPCA Staff, and Commissioner,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) concepts for changes to drinking water Class 1 rules.

I grew up just outside of the city limits of Flint, Michigan. I now live in Ely, MN. My relatives and friends who still live in Flint, Michigan continue to live without safe, clean drinking water. My relatives throughout Michigan outside of Flint continue to fear for the safety of their drinking water because of inadequate protections from state and local governments. Do not let this happen anywhere in Minnesota. Protect us and the animals and plants around us from water pollution and water polluters. It is simply not worth it to risk additional pollution of the water we need to live.

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Sincerely, Julie Nester 112 E White St Ely, MN 55731 218-235-6166

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Sincerely, Kate Dougherty 2117 Hillcrest Drive Dukuth, MN 55811

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I do not understand what the MPCAs role is if it is not to protect our water and to control pollution. The time is now to put the health of people and planet above the special interests of corporations. There should be no safe amount of pollution when it comes to our water and we should never have to fight so hard for basic needs. Water is life and deserves respect. What we do to our water we do to ourselves. Each individual working for these so called protection agencies needs to take a good look at themselves. What is your responsibility? You are responsible for poisoning our water and should be held accountable to the people. Please do right by the people of this state and fight to protect our resources. Thank you

Sincerely, Ashley Deitering 820 S Chestnut St Belle Plaine, MN 56011 952-923-7334

## **RE: MPCA Water Quality Standards for Drinking Water (Class 1 Rules)**

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I am writing to comment on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) concepts for changes to drinking water Class 1 rules.

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Thank you for the opportunity to speak on behalf of protecting Minnesota's drinking water and the public interest, your agency's priority.

Sincerely, Florence Hedeen 703 First St W Park Rapids, MN 56470 218-732-9226

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The most precious element on our planet is H2O water is needed by each and every person. To risk the futures water for a temporary period of time so the extremely rich can line their pockets is absolutely ridiculous! Nonsense. I'm so sick of loopholes, and backdoor sneaky attorneys coming here to Minnesota especially the St Louis County Court House, when the former Secretary of State came did the very thing and Pete Stauber made the arrangements. ENOUGH! Water should be first! Peace Beth Sincerely, Beth Carpenter 315 N Lake Ave Apt 224 Duluth, MN 55806 121-834-0555

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Protect us the people and future generations, not polluters. I'm a Lifelong, 75 years, resident of Minnesota

Sincerely, Joe May 10533 WRiver rd Brooklyn Park, MN 55443 651-334-4198

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Sincerely, Janet Keough 2787 Northwoods Lane Duluth, MN 55803 218-343-5007

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Please make protecting Minnesota's drinking water and the public interest your agency's priority. Regards, John AND Jean Fleming

Sincerely, John AND Jean Fleming 21364 Hytrail Cir Lakeville, MN 55044 952-236-8594

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Dear Ms. O'Dell, MPCA Staff, and Commissioner,

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's (MPCA) concepts for changes to drinking water Class 1 rules. I am surprised I would need to ask for the following, because it boggles my mind that anyone in charge of protecting drinking water would do anything else.

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Sincerely, Diana Cumming 3210 Cleveland St NE Minneapolis, MN 55418

#### **RE: MPCA Water Quality Standards for Drinking Water (Class 1 Rules)**

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l appreciate the opportunity to comment on the MPCA's potential changes to drinking water Class 1 rules.

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Sincerely, Zabelle Stodola 131 N Hawthorne Rd Duluth, MN 55812

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Water is Life and there is no alternative to water!

Sincerely, Carolyn Clements 601 Sunset Dr S Hopkins, MN 55305

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Thank you, Lacey Parr Duluth mom of 4

Sincerely,

Lacey Parr 5101 Dodge st Duluth, MN 55804

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Sincerely, Susan Wiste 5109 Tioga Street Duluth, MN 55804

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Dear Ms. O'Dell, MPCA Staff, and Commissioner,

If response to the Covid vaccines has taught us nothing else, it's shown us very clearly that many Minnesotans are highly against having foreign substances put into their bodies against their will. I KNOW THAT MANY OF MY FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS WOULD BE EVEN MORE UPSET AND RESISTANT TO THE IDEA OF ALLOWING MORE CHEMICALS INTO OUR DRINKING WATER THAN THEY HAVE BEEN BY THE IDEA OF MANDATORY VACCINES! The reason we haven't seen the same level of uprising about this is that most people have no idea that you're considering allowing this. I know that I wasn't aware of it until I received an email from Water Legacy. I almost deleted it without reading it.

I hope you aren't counting on the same level of ignorance to allow you to pass these changes in water quality regulations. If we also have learned nothing else in the past several years, it's that the past does catch up with us. Our kids and grandkids will hold us - you in particular, in your roles as protectors of our water - accountable for the future they will be forced to live in. And, in fact, you yourselves could be the ones enduring chemotherapy and radiation treatment from drinking the water you fail to protect.

We inherited beautiful pristine waters and you have taken on the responsibility for keeping them that way. History will not be kind to you if you fail in that responsibility. Your children and grandchildren will say your name with the shame we are now heaping on our ancestors who were esteemed in their time as community leaders but who failed to stand up for the long-term well-being of all in their communities.

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The MPCA should take the steps outlined by Water Legacy to protect drinking water and the public interest and to fulfill its mission as a regulatory agency.

Sincerely, Sara Wright 1712 Eldridge Avenue West Roseville, MN 55113

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Dear Ms. O'Dell, MPCA Staff, and Commissioner,

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Sincerely, Thomas Probst 9340 84th St N Stillwater, MN 55082

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As we all know fresh clean water is precious! Please DO NOT WEAKEN ANY STANDARD! What we need to do is strengthen our water standards and make sure these water standards are regulated consistently with rotating regulators who will strictly enforce the standards! Sincerely, Barry Wolfe 1612 Jefferson St. Duluth, MN 55812

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I would like to add, what are you people thinking? Water is life!! Without water, humans & all living beings would be dust in the wind.

Thank you for your time & consideration.

Sincerely, Jack S. Sneve 4484 Normanna Rd. / mail: c/o P. O. Box 3501 Duluth, MN 55803 218-721-3031

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Sincerely, Joel Weisberg 105 Winona St Northfield, MN 55057 507-301-9947

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Respectfully yours,

Doretta (Dorie) Reisenweber

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land and all that we relay upon. The ripple effect is real.

Sincerely, Linda Mockler 2091 Evelyn St Roseville, MN 55113

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My burning question here is: How does lowering an already compromised standard for drinking water protect the water. It appears the interests of corporate politics is what is being protected. rosa musket

Sincerely,

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