

1.1 **Minnesota Pollution Control Agency**

1.2 **Adopted Permanent Rules Relating to Class 2 Waters Beneficial Use Designations**

1.3 **7050.0470 CLASSIFICATIONS FOR SURFACE WATERS IN MAJOR DRAINAGE**
1.4 **BASINS.**

1.5 Subpart 1. **Lake Superior basin.** The water-use classifications for the stream reaches
1.6 within each of the major watersheds in the Lake Superior basin listed in item A are found
1.7 in tables entitled "Beneficial Use Designations for Stream Reaches" published on the website
1.8 of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency at
1.9 www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/incorporations-reference. The tables are incorporated by
1.10 reference and are not subject to frequent change. The date after each watershed listed in
1.11 item A is the publication date of the applicable table. The water-use classifications for the
1.12 other listed waters in the Lake Superior basin are as identified in items B to D. See part
1.13 7050.0415 for the classifications of waters not listed. Designated use information for water
1.14 bodies can also be accessed through the agency's Environmental Data Access
1.15 (<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/eda-surface-water-data>).

1.16 A. Streams (by eight-digit hydrologic unit code):

1.17 (1) 04010101 Lake Superior - North (March 2023);

1.18 (2) 04010102 Lake Superior - South (March 2023);

1.19 (3) 04010201 St. Louis River (March 2023);

1.20 (4) 04010202 Cloquet River (March 2023); and

1.21 (5) 04010301 Nemadji River (March 2023).

1.22 *[For text of items B to D, see Minnesota Rules]*

1.23 Subp. 2. **Lake of the Woods basin.** The water-use classifications for the stream
1.24 reaches within each of the major watersheds in the Lake of the Woods basin listed in item
1.25 A are found in tables entitled "Beneficial Use Designations for Stream Reaches" published

on the website of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency at www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/incorporations-reference. The tables are incorporated by reference and are not subject to frequent change. The date after each watershed listed in item A is the publication date of the applicable table. The water-use classifications for the other listed waters in the Lake of the Woods basin are as identified in items B to D. See part 7050.0415 for the classifications of waters not listed. Designated use information for water bodies can also be accessed through the agency's Environmental Data Access (<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/eda-surface-water-data>).

A. Streams (by eight-digit hydrologic unit code):

(1) 09030001 Rainy River - Headwaters (March 2023);

(2) 09030002 Vermilion River (March 2023);

[For text of subitem (3), see Minnesota Rules]

(4) 09030005 Little Fork River (March 2023);

[For text of subitems (5) to (8), see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of items B to D, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 3. **Red River of the North basin.** The water-use classifications for the stream reaches within each of the major watersheds in the Red River of the North basin listed in item A are found in tables entitled "Beneficial Use Designations for Stream Reaches" published on the website of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency at www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/incorporations-reference. The tables are incorporated by reference and are not subject to frequent change. The date after each watershed listed in item A is the publication date of the applicable table. The water-use classifications for the other listed waters in the Red River of the North basin are as identified in items B to D. See part 7050.0415 for the classifications of waters not listed. Designated use information for

water bodies can also be accessed through the agency's Environmental Data Access (<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/eda-surface-water-data>).

A. Streams (by eight-digit hydrologic unit code):

[For text of subitems (1) and (2), see Minnesota Rules]

(3) 09020103 Otter Tail River (March 2023);

[For text of subitems (4) to (6), see Minnesota Rules]

(7) 09020108 Wild Rice River (March 2023);

[For text of subitem (8), see Minnesota Rules]

(9) 09020302 Upper/Lower Red Lake (March 2023);

[For text of subitems (10) and (11), see Minnesota Rules]

(12) 09020305 Clearwater River (March 2023);

[For text of subitems (13) to (17), see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of items B to D, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 4. **Upper Mississippi River basin (headwaters to the confluence with the St. Croix River).** The water-use classifications for the stream reaches within each of the major watersheds in the upper Mississippi River basin from the headwaters to the confluence with the St. Croix River listed in item A are found in tables entitled "Beneficial Use Designations for Stream Reaches" published on the website of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency at www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/incorporations-reference. The tables are incorporated by reference and are not subject to frequent change. The date after each watershed listed in item A is the publication date of the applicable table. The water-use classifications for the other listed waters in the upper Mississippi River basin from the headwaters to the confluence with the St. Croix River are as identified in items B to D. See part 7050.0415 for the

classifications of waters not listed. Designated use information for water bodies can also be accessed through the agency's Environmental Data Access (<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/eda-surface-water-data>).

A. Streams (by eight-digit hydrologic unit code):

[For text of subitem (1), see Minnesota Rules]

(2) 07010102 Leech Lake River (March 2023);

(3) 07010103 Mississippi River - Grand Rapids (March 2023);

(4) 07010104 Mississippi River - Brainerd (March 2023);

(5) 07010105 Pine River (March 2023);

[For text of subitems (6) to (8), see Minnesota Rules]

(9) 07010201 Mississippi River - Sartell (March 2023);

(10) 07010202 Sauk River (March 2023);

[For text of subitem (11), see Minnesota Rules]

(12) 07010204 North Fork Crow River (March 2023);

[For text of subitems (13) to (15), see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of items B to D, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 5. **Minnesota River basin.** The water-use classifications for the stream reaches within each of the major watersheds in the Minnesota River basin listed in item A are found in tables entitled "Beneficial Use Designations for Stream Reaches" published on the website of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency at www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/incorporations-reference. The tables are incorporated by reference and are not subject to frequent change. The date after each watershed listed in item A is the publication date of the applicable table. The water-use classifications for the

other listed waters in the Minnesota River basin are as identified in items B to D. See part 7050.0415 for the classifications of waters not listed. Designated use information for water bodies can also be accessed through the agency's Environmental Data Access (<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/eda-surface-water-data>).

A. Streams (by eight-digit hydrologic unit code):

[For text of subitem (1), see Minnesota Rules]

(2) 07020002 Pomme de Terre River (March 2023);

[For text of subitems (3) to (5), see Minnesota Rules]

(6) 07020006 Redwood River (March 2023);

(7) 07020007 Minnesota River - Mankato (March 2023);

(8) 07020008 Cottonwood River (March 2023);

(9) 07020009 Blue Earth River (March 2023);

[For text of subitems (10) and (11), see Minnesota Rules]

(12) 07020012 Lower Minnesota River (March 2023).

[For text of items B to D, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 6. **Saint Croix River basin.** The water-use classifications for the stream reaches within each of the major watersheds in the Saint Croix River basin listed in item A are found in tables entitled "Beneficial Use Designations for Stream Reaches" published on the website of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency at www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/incorporations-reference. The tables are incorporated by reference and are not subject to frequent change. The date after each watershed listed in item A is the publication date of the applicable table. The water-use classifications for the other listed waters in the Saint Croix River basin are as identified in items B to D. See part

7050.0415 for the classifications of waters not listed. Designated use information for water bodies can also be accessed through the agency's Environmental Data Access (<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/eda-surface-water-data>).

A. Streams (by eight-digit hydrologic unit code):

(1) 07030001 Upper St. Croix River (March 2023);

(2) 07030003 Kettle River (March 2023);

(3) 07030004 Snake River (March 2023); and

[For text of subitem (4), see Minnesota Rules]

[For text of items B to D, see Minnesota Rules]

Subp. 7. **Lower Mississippi River basin (from the confluence with the St. Croix River to the Iowa border).** The water-use classifications for the stream reaches within each of the major watersheds in the lower Mississippi River basin from the confluence with the Saint Croix River to the Iowa border listed in item A are found in tables entitled "Beneficial Use Designations for Stream Reaches" published on the website of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency at www.pca.state.mn.us/regulations/incorporations-reference. The tables are incorporated by reference and are not subject to frequent change. The date after each watershed listed in item A is the publication date of the applicable table. The water-use classifications for the other listed waters in the lower Mississippi River basin from the confluence with the St. Croix River to the Iowa border are as identified in items B to D. See part 7050.0415 for the classifications of waters not listed. Designated use information for water bodies can also be accessed through the agency's Environmental Data Access (<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/eda-surface-water-data>).

A. Streams (by eight-digit hydrologic unit code):

[For text of subitems (1) to (3), see Minnesota Rules]

- 7.1 (4) 07040004 Zumbro River (March 2023);
- 7.2 (5) 07040006 Mississippi River - La Crescent (March 2023);
- 7.3 *[For text of subitem (6), see Minnesota Rules]*
- 7.4 (7) 07060001 Mississippi River - Reno (March 2023); and
- 7.5 (8) 07060002 Upper Iowa River (March 2023).
- 7.6 *[For text of items B to D, see Minnesota Rules]*
- 7.7 *[For text of subparts 8 and 9, see Minnesota Rules]*