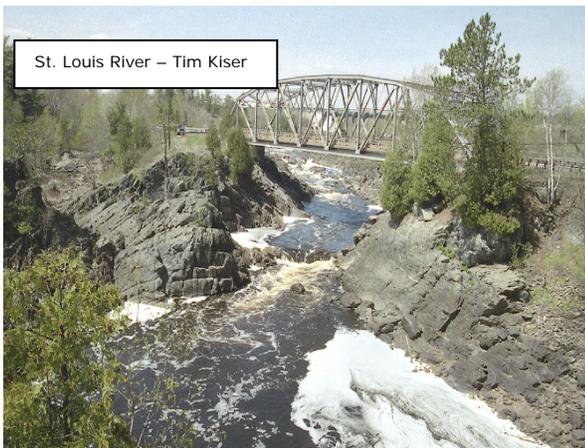


Stop the Attack on the Clean Water Rule

Protect Minnesota's Drinking Water

The Clean Water Rule was recently finalized by the Obama administration after years of planning, 400 stakeholder meetings, and more than a million public comments. It safeguards our water and restores protections to the drinking water sources for 1 in 3 Americans. This includes the drinking water for nearly 1 in every 5 Minnesotans. **The Clean Water Rule is a strong, commonsense policy that makes clean water a priority throughout the nation.** If Congress blocks the Clean Water Rule, at least 51% of Minnesota's stream miles and millions of acres of wetlands nationwide will again be at risk from pollution and destruction from development, oil and gas production, and other industrial activities. Blocking this rule would imperil drinking water sources, as well as the small businesses and communities that rely on clean water.



- **18% of Minnesotans** get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams that are protected by the Clean Water Rule.
- **Protections were restored to 627 miles of streams** that feed into Minnesota's drinking water sources.
- **Thousands of acres of wetlands** that provide flood protection, recharge groundwater supplies, filter pollution, and provide essential wildlife habitat are safeguarded.

Rule Provides More Economic Benefits than Costs

- **The Clean Water Rule restores, but does not expand, the historic coverage of the Clean Water Act.** EPA estimates that the rule will provide **at least \$339 million and up to \$572 million annually in benefits** to the public, including reducing flooding, filtering pollution, providing wildlife habitat, supporting hunting and fishing, and recharging groundwater.
- **Protecting small streams and wetlands supports fish, wildlife and Minnesota's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, \$3.9 billion was spent on wildlife recreation in MN, including \$2.4 billion on fishing alone, and more than 2.5 million people participated in these recreational activities in Minnesota.
- **Minnesota's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** Small Minnesota breweries contribute almost \$742 million to our economy every year and support nearly 8,000 jobs.

Minnesota Clean Water Rule Supporters

- **Nearly 16,000 Minnesota residents, out of more than 800,000 Americans support the rule.**
- 31 Minnesota conservation, environmental, faith-based and union organizations, representing thousands of citizens.
- Over a dozen Minnesota elected officials, including Hennepin County Public Works wrote letters in support of the rule. Minnesota also joined 34 other states in 2006 to urge the Supreme Court to uphold strong federal clean water protections and in 2003 opposed Bush administration efforts to roll back protections for small streams and wetlands.
- Recent polling shows that 79% of Americans want Congress to let EPA implement the Rule.

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