

## Thomas Kunkel

I am happy to see nitrates included in the water quality plan. I believe that this information is much needed. Having fished Minnesota lakes for most of my 72 years, I have become alarmed about the water quality of Southern Minnesota Lakes. Most of my fishing these days occurs on lakes in Northern Minnesota, where I can see my hand in the water. Unfortunately, mercury seems to be the problem at my favorite lake, but at least I am aware of the problem. I see that water quality has become an issue in both Iowa and South Dakota in recent years due to rising nitrate levels. Des Moines in particular has a big problem. We can't let that happen in Minnesota. I recall that 40 years ago, my mother looked out the window at our lake cabin and saw someone relieving themselves into the lake. Within a year, dad had switched from a lake pump to a well. Problem solved. It's not that easy for Minneapolis. Thank You for your time, Thomas Kunkel 40211 120th St. Waseca, Minnesota 56093