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This permit should be denied and MPCA should audit their internal communications with all 3M staff and representatives for any history of corruption and negligence.

As we all know, 3M has a long history of polluting Minnesota's waters, dumping chemicals that decimate the micro and macro ecosystems around their plants and poisoning our drinking water, food, and overall water cycle. The harms are still not fully understood, and most impacts are hidden in the multi-layered lawsuits, reports, and environmental assessments which can barely be trusted with a grain of salt because of 3M's overall influence.

Continuing to approve 3M permits in any way is giving allowance to a historically criminal company to continue their pollution. If approved, MPCA is aiding and abetting 3M's negligence and supporting their polluting actions. If this permit is denied, it will mean 3M will need to cease operations at this location, which is a good thing for the local environment.

MPCA has a responsibility to stop industrial pollution and deny would-be polluters the chance to harbor chemical business that destroys our water. Unfortunately, MPCA has failed to do so, largely because of 3M's large donor base, influence over agency policy, and economy-wide power.

To be clear, no amount of "treated" wastewater should be allowed to be dumped into Minnesota's water by 3M or, importantly, their subsidiaries.

If 3M wishes to continue business in Minnesota, MPCA should make it clear there is no acceptable amount of any chemical pollution allowed. 3M should be denied rights to Minnesota groundwater, denied water access rights to any above ground water, and revoked of industrial land use in Minnesota. Only AFTER 3M has finished all mitigation and pay-ups have been made for past pollution activities (of which many are currently being litigated) should 3M be given any permits for their regular business operations.

The people of Minnesota deserve a strong enforcement agency against pollution, and MPCA has so far been wimpy in enforcement, and corrupt in policy making. It is time to get things done by saying NO to any permit sent forth by 3M or its many subsidiaries. Anything less is criminal. Minnesotans are watching, do your job.