

Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

Please see attached file.



February 4, 2025

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
c/o Matthew Moon
Industrial Division
504 Fairgrounds Rd, Suite 200

Dear Mr. Moon:

On behalf of the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce (Chamber), a statewide organization representing 6,300 businesses and more than half a million employees throughout Minnesota, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the Draft Industrial Stormwater General Permit (Permit). For now, we ask for a 30-day extension of the comment period, from the current 30 days to 60 days. This extension is sought under Minn. R. 7001.0110, subp. 4, which gives the Commissioner explicit authority to extend the deadline to receive comments.

The Permit is 100 pages long and the accompanying Fact Sheet is 79 pages long. Detailing differences between the 2020 permit and the 2025 permit, analyzing potential impacts across different businesses, and providing comment can be a lengthy process. Meanwhile, Chamber members are diverse across many sectors, a significant portion of which are impacted by the proposed updates to the permit. The existing 30-day comment period makes it difficult for all businesses to properly evaluate and provide feedback and this burden falls particularly hard on small and mid-sized businesses. Ensuring their voices are heard is imperative to crafting a strong permit that balances the diverse needs of businesses and protecting our environment.

As we work with our membership to gather information and take feedback, we ask that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency extend the current 30-day comment period to 60 days, which will best accommodate businesses of all sizes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "A. Morley", is positioned above the typed name.

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