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Do you have water quality data to share?

The MPCA is asking for your data to help assess the condition of lakes and streams and build a national database of water quality. Your role in collecting these data is important to Minnesota's effort to identify impaired waters and those in need of additional protection.

The MPCA is specifically interested in the following waterbodies; it will be determining whether they meet state water quality standards in early 2021:

- St. Louis River (04010201)
- Mississippi River – St. Cloud (07010203)
- Chippewa River (07020005)
- Lower St. Croix (07030005)
- Upper Wapsipinicon River (07080102)
- Cedar River (07080201)
- Shell Rock River (07080202)
- Winnebago River (07080203)
- Upper Red River of the North (09020104)
- Buffalo River (09020106)

If you have data from other areas, the agency will accept it, though the deadlines below may not apply. The agency may also make additional calls for data if needed.

The MPCA will use your data to:

- Help plan for future monitoring efforts, including what to monitor for and where to monitor.
- Identify pollutant "stressors" that are causing or contributing to problems, or threats to fishing, swimming, and recreational uses.
- Evaluate the success of ongoing activities to protect and restore water quality.

Deadlines:

- Submit project, lab, and field data by 4:30 p.m. on **Monday, November 2.**
- You will need to review the data entered by the MPCA by **Tuesday, December 15.**

Find out more on the MPCA's surface water data web pages. For information on submitting data:

- Nancy Flandrick, 651-757-2361 (Metro area, southeast MInnesota)

- Jean Garvin, 651-757-2378 (South and southwest Minnesota)
- Mary Knight, 651-757-2424 (Central and northeast Minnesota)

Thank you for your help!

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