



**MINNESOTA POLLUTION
CONTROL AGENCY**

*2020 MS4 General Permit-
TMDL Application Form
Interactive Question and Answer Session*

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Where is the TMDL Application Form?

Guidance: [Guidance for completing the MS4 Permit TMDL Application Form - Minnesota Stormwater Manual \(state.mn.us\)](#)

Overview page: [2020 MS4 General Permit TMDL Application - Minnesota Stormwater Manual \(state.mn.us\)](#)



TMDL Application Forms: [ShareBase by Hyland](#)

- Application Forms were moved to a new location

Rice Creek Watershed District Southwest Urban Lakes

Total Maximum Daily Load Study



Image: Island Lake



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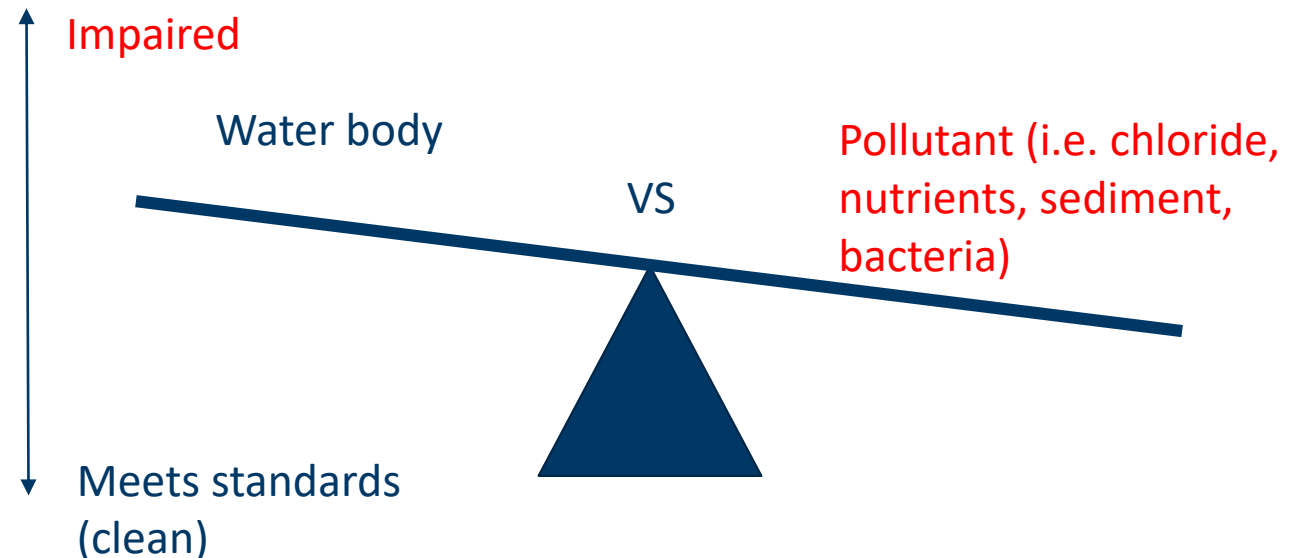


TMDL Report

What's a TMDL?

-Total Maximum Daily Load

- An equation
- A report



Oxygen demand, nitrate, total suspended solids and total phosphorus

TMDL Permit Application Form Completion

Yes! I have WLAs that are being met



Complete 'Reductions for WLA met' tab



Complete 'BMPs for WLAs' met tab

No! I have WLAs that are not being met



Complete 'Compliance Schedule' tab



Complete 'Compliance Schedule BMPs' tab

- [Street sweeping - Minnesota Stormwater Manual \(state.mn.us\)](#)
- Draft Street Sweeping Calculator is available for use for phosphorus reductions: [Street Sweeping Phosphorus Credit Calculator - Minnesota Stormwater Manual \(state.mn.us\)](#)
- User's Guide for Draft Street Sweeping Calculator: [Street Sweeping Phosphorus Credit Calculator: User Guide - Minnesota Stormwater Manual \(state.mn.us\)](#)

- No calculator for Street Sweeping and TSS, but there are some limited guidance if you want to determine reductions: [TSS credits for street sweeping - Minnesota Stormwater Manual \(state.mn.us\)](#)

MPCA Calculated Loading Rates

MPCA staff have calculated loading rates (lbs/ac/yr) for each of the TMDL Projects below:

Categorical WLAs with no percent reduction

Burandt Lake Excess Nutrients TMDL

Elk River Watershed TMDL

Golden Lake TMDL

Lower Cannon River Turbidity TMDL

Miss. River - Saint Cloud WRAPS 2009

Twin (Upper, Middle, and Lower) and Ryan Lakes TMDLs

Zumbro River Watershed Turbidity TMDL

No reductions at mid-flow or no percent reductions listed

Cannon River WRAPS

Cedar River WRAPS

Hawk Creek Watershed WRAPS

North Fork Crow and Lower Crow Bacteria, Turbidity, and Low DO TMDL

South Fork Crow River WRAPS 2012

Red Lake River WRAPS 2012

West Fork Des Moines River Watershed TMDL: Excess Nutrients (North and South Heron Lake), Turbidity, and Fecal Coliform

Loading rates can be found in the spreadsheet located in the FAQ: [Guidance for completing the MS4 Permit TMDL Application Form - Minnesota Stormwater Manual \(state.mn.us\)](#)

Loading rates

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
Documentation for Waste load Allocations being met (permit item 12.10)									
Fill in the following table for each applicable oxygen demand, nitrate, TSS and/or TP WLA you are claiming to meet using the MPCA-approved method. This should either demonstrate the cumulative estimated reductions from BMPs that serve to meet the MS4 WLA reductions included in the TMDL report OR demonstrates the MS4's existing load meets the WLA. For more guidance on completing this tab, see: https://stormwater.pca.state.mn.us/index.php?title=Guidance_for_completing_the_MS4_Permit_TMDL_Application_Form#12.10_Reductions_for_WLAs_met_tab									
Required	Cumulative Estimated Reductions - Required		Required	Required if "other" selected in column D	Required	Required	Required if WLA is categorical	Required if WLA is categorical	Optional
TMDL project name, waterbody and pollutant	Cumulative estimated reduction How are you claiming to meet the WLA?	Cumulative estimated reduction (Enter value corresponding to units specified in Column B)	Method(s) used to calculate	Name of other model	Do you have the calculations available on file?	Is this part of a categorical WLA? (See Column E on Applicable WLAs determination tab)	If part of a Categorical WLA, how did you determine your portion of the WLA?	What is your portion of the categorical WLA? (Include units)	Notes
Golden Lake TMDL-Golden-(02-0045-00)-TP	Loading rate (lb/ac/yr)	Enter your calculated loading rate	MPCA Simple Estimator		Yes	Yes	Other	Used calculated loading rate	Enter MPCA calculated loading rate

If you are meeting a calculated loading rate, this is how you would note that on the TMDL Application

Compliance schedule and target dates

1. If permittee is implementing practices with quantifiable reductions, it is expected that they will provide a target date for compliance with the WLA, using their best judgement. (Possible methods would be extrapolating from reductions planned this cycle, check WRAPS or Implementation Plan for target dates)

Compliance schedule for Wasteload Allocations not being met (permit item 12.8)				
Fill in the target year that each of the applicable WLA(s) will be achieved for each TMDL , waterbody and pollutant listed in column A. If you have an applicable WLA for total suspended solids (TSS) or total phosphorus (TP), a cumulative estimate of TSS and TP load reductions to be achieved during the permit term and the method used to determine the estimate should be entered in Columns D and E. For further instruction on completing this tab, refer to:				
https://stormwater.pca.state.mn.us/index.php?title=Guidance_for_completing_the_MS4_Permit_TMDL_Application_Form#12.8_Compliance_schedule_tab				
TMDL Project Name, Waterbody, and Pollutant	Pollutant	Target year WLA will be achieved	Estimated pollutant reduction this permit cycle (include units, such as lbs, percent reduction, lb/acre, etc.)	Method(s) for calculating reduction
North Fork Crow and Lower Crow Bacteria, Turbidity, and Low DO TMDL-Crow River-(07010204-502)-TSS	TSS	2050	10 lb/ac	MPCA Simple Estimator
South Metro Mississippi TSS TMDL-Mississippi River-(07040001-531)-TSS	TSS	2025	10 lb/ac	MPCA Simple Estimator

Compliance schedule and target dates

2. If the permittee is implementing practices that measurably reduce pollutants, but aren't necessarily quantifiable right now, they should provide a target date for meeting their WLA, and "undetermined reductions". If better data comes out in the future, their target date may be changed on future applications.

Compliance schedule for Wasteload Allocations not being met (permit item 12.8)

Fill in the target year that each of the applicable WLA(s) will be achieved for each TMDL , waterbody and pollutant listed in column A. If you have an applicable WLA for total suspended solids (TSS) or total phosphorus (TP), a cumulative estimate of TSS and TP load reductions to be achieved during the permit term and the method used to determine estimate should be entered in Columns D and E. For further instruction on completing this tab, refer to:

https://stormwater.pca.state.mn.us/index.php?title=Guidance_for_completing_the_MS4_Permit_TMDL_Application_Form#12.8_Compliance_schedule_tab

TMDL Project Name, Waterbody, and Pollutant	Pollutant	Target year WLA will be achieved	Estimated pollutant reduction this permit cycle (include units, such as lbs, percent reduction, lb/acre, etc.)	Method(s) for calculating reduction
North Oak Grove and Lower Oak Ductena, Fairbury, and Low DO TMDL-Crow River-(07010204-502)-TSS	TSS	2050	undetermined reductions	Other
South Metro Mississippi TSS TMDL-Mississippi River-(07040001-531)-TSS	TSS	2030	undetermined reductions	Other

Compliance schedule and target dates

3. If they are not going to implement any practices that reduce pollutant loading (ie seeking approval and/or planning for future BMPs, feasibility studies, etc) they may enter “target year to be reported next permit cycle” in the target year box. “No reductions planned this permit cycle” in the estimated reductions box.

Compliance schedule for Wasteload Allocations not being met (permit item 12.8)

Fill in the target year that each of the applicable WLA(s) will be achieved for each TMDL , waterbody and pollutant listed in column A. If you have an applicable WLA for total suspended solids (TSS) or total phosphorus (TP), a cumulative estimate of TSS and TP load reductions to be achieved during the permit term and the method used to determine the estimate should be entered in Columns D and E. For further instruction on completing this tab, refer to:

[https://stormwater.pca.state.mn.us/index.php?title=Guidance for completing the MS4 Permit TMDL Application Form#12.8 Compliance schedule tab](https://stormwater.pca.state.mn.us/index.php?title=Guidance%20for%20completing%20the%20MS4%20Permit%20TMDL%20Application%20Form#12.8%20Compliance%20schedule%20tab)

TMDL Project Name, Waterbody, and Pollutant	Pollutant	Target year WLA will be achieved	Estimated pollutant reduction this permit cycle (include units, such as lbs, percent reduction, lb/acre, etc.)	Method(s) for calculating reduction
North Fork Crow and Lower Crow Bacteria, Turbidity, and Low DO TMDL-Crow River-(07010204-502)-TSS	TSS	Target year to be reported next permit cycle	No reductions planned this cycle	Other
South Metro Mississippi TSS TMDL-Mississippi River-(07040001-531)-TSS	TSS	Target year reported next permit cycle	No reductions planned this cycle	Other

Compliance schedule and target dates- those affected by 2019 legislation

1. On the Applicable WLAs determination tab- In column B, under Meeting WLA? Yes/No, enter "Further analysis needed".

Applicable Oxygen Demand, Nitrate, TSS, TP TMDL projects (permit item 12.8 & 12.10)

Column A, rows 9 and below, includes any applicable WLAs (USEPA approved, more than a zero % reduction) for oxygen demand, nitrate, TSS, or TP TMDL projects. They are listed by TMDL project name-waterbody-(waterbody id)-pollutant. Column F lists the corresponding applicable numeric WLAs for those projects. **The applicant needs to make a determination if they are meeting each WLA or not and type 'Yes' or 'No' in Column B.** Once you are done with your determination in Column B, click the red text in highlighted cell A7. This will autopopulate the rest of the workbook. If you make any changes in Column B, click on the button with the red text in cell A7 again. For each WLA that is marked as 'Yes' in Column B, please complete the tabs 'Reductions for WLAs met' and 'BMPs for WLAs met'. For each WLA marked 'No' in Column B, please complete 'Compliance Schedule' and 'Compliance Schedule BMPs' tabs.

Permittee name	Municipality NA	⌵
Pollutant	(Multiple Items)	⌵
Percent Reduction	(Multiple Items)	⌵
Notes	(Multiple Items)	⌵

Click here after completing or changing any items in Column B, and then continue to other tabs in workbook.

Applicable Oxygen Demand, Nitrate, TP and/or TSS WLA TMDLs-Waterbody-Pollutant	Meeting WLA? (Yes/No)
North Fork Crow and Lower Crow Bacteria, Turbidity, and Low DO TMDL-Crow River-(07010204-502)-TSS	Further analysis needed
South Metro Mississippi TSS TMDL-Mississippi River-(07040001-531)-TSS	Further analysis needed

Navigation tabs: Bacteria Chloride Temp | **Applicable WLAs determination** | Compliance Schedule | Compliance Schedule

Compliance schedule and target dates- those affected by 2019 legislation

2. On question 174 of the PDF portion of the Application- Provide the suggested statement below, or similar. **Note:** Once the permit application is public noticed and coverage under the MS4 permit is issued to the applicant, the application becomes an enforceable part of the permit.

Additional information

174. **Provide any additional information about your current Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (SWPPP) that you would like to share (optional): (Maximum 30 lines of text)**

Due to the 2019 legislation, [insert name of municipality] finds it necessary to use this permit term to re-define the regulated areas within the municipal jurisdiction, and to partner with the MPCA to properly determine appropriate and applicable WLAs associated with EPA-approved TMDLs that apply to the municipality. In addition, the [insert name of municipality] will develop a plan/strategy to address any applicable WLAs as determined through this process.

Additional information request

- If you marked 'Yes' in any cells in Column B on the 'Applicable WLAs determination' tab on the TMDL application form, please include a brief narrative explaining the approach you used to make that determination. This narrative may be entered in Q174 on page 32 of the MS4 Part 2 Permit Application (PDF) or as a supplemental attachment (e.g., Word document). Recommended information to include in your narrative:
 - What MS4 area did you use in your determination? (i.e. MS4 Boundary layer, NCLD developed land cover, entire jurisdictional area, etc.)
 - Which WLA area did you use in your determination? (TMDL study area shapefile from Sharebase site, looked at map from TMDL report, some other delineation, etc.)
 - If the units in the numeric WLA column on the 'Applicable WLAs determination' tab and the units used in the 'Reductions for WLA met' tabs do not correspond, please explain how you converted from one to the other.

Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs) - Minnesota Stormwater Manual

TMDL MS4 permit guidance

- [Summary of TMDL requirements in stormwater permits](#)
- [Guidance for completing the MS4 Permit TMDL Application Form](#)
- [Guidance for meeting chloride TMDL MS4 permit requirements](#)
- [Guidance for meeting bacteria TMDL MS4 permit requirements](#)
- [Guidance for meeting dissolved oxygen or oxygen demand TMDL MS4 permit requirements](#)
- [Guidance for meeting temperature TMDL MS4 permit requirements](#)
- ★ [Guidance for categorical TMDLs – Updated guidance](#)
- [List of Approved TMDLs with MS4 WLAs](#)
- [Forms, guidance, and resources for completing the TMDL annual report form](#)
- [Baseline year](#)
- [Interpreting wasteload allocations based on flow/load duration curves](#)

New Resource

Shapefiles for TMDL projects

- Should include subwatershed areas used in the project
- May include MS4 areas
- <https://app.sharebase.com/#/folder/37975/share/185-OU4QvSU24mc9PBCUGuysE-jhy1o>

- [MS4 webinars and videos - Minnesota Stormwater Manual \(state.mn.us\)](#)

2020 General Permit TMDL Application Form Webinars and Presentations [\[edit\]](#)

1. MS4 Permit Application form (Excel spreadsheet) Overview - Feb. 16, 2021 Webex meeting
2. Powerpoint of February 16-includes links to helpful resources
3. South Metro Mississippi River TSS TMDL - February 23, 2021 Webex meeting
4. Powerpoint of February 23-includes links to helpful resources

Webinars [\[edit\]](#)

1. Overview of the MS4 Part 2 Permit Application (PDF) and public notice process - Feb. 10, 2021 Webex meeting
 2. Overview of the MPCA Simple Estimator - Feb. 18, 2021 Zoom meeting
 3. MS4 Audit Process
 4. Self-Audit Guidance
 5. How to use the Notice of Termination/Permit Modification Form
 6. MS4 Program Overview and minimum control measures (MCM) descriptions
- [2020 MS4 general permit | Minnesota Pollution Control Agency \(state.mn.us\)](#)



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