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## Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

## OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

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Ms. Michele Timmons Revisor of Statutes 700 State Office Building 100 Constitution Ave. St. Paul, MN 55155 RECEIVED

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REVISOR OF STATUTES

RE: Annual Report on Obsolete, Unnecessary, or Duplicative Rules as required by Minnesota

Statutes, sec. 14.05, subd. 5

Dear Ms. Timmons:

Minnesota Statutes, section 14.05, subdivision 5, requires each agency to submit to you, by December 1 of the year, a report on any rules that are obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative. The agency must explain why the rule is obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative, and must identify the timetable for repeal of the rule or prepare legislation to repeal the rule. The agency must also report on the status of the rules identified in the prior year's report.

It is the continuing goal of the department to enact only those rules that are needed and to repeal obsolete, unnecessary, and duplicative rules. As a part of the process of drafting new rules or amendments to existing rules, the department identifies rules that should be repealed. Quite often rules are not obsolete or unnecessary, but need to be revised to address current needs and changing conditions.

We have reviewed this issue with department staff for the preparation of this letter. There were no rules identified as obsolete, unnecessary, or duplicative that were not being revised by ongoing rulemaking. In last year's letter on this topic, the department also did not identify any rules that were obsolete and were not being repealed by any on-going rulemaking process.

Please contact Kathy Lewis (651-296-9564), if you need further information or have any questions.

Sincerely,

Allen Garber Commissioner

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