

*Presented below are water quality standards that are in effect for Clean Water Act purposes.*

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**EPA Approved Minnesota Variances from WQS as of October 24, 2023**

This list is a catalog of all variances that have been approved by EPA since 2004.

<b>Variance Facility/ Permit No.</b>	<b>Pollutant(s) Affected</b>	<b>Variance Limit</b>	<b>Affected Waters</b>	<b>Approval Date</b>
Saint James Wastewater Treatment Plant/ MN0024759	Chloride	856 mg/L, calendar month average	Saint James Creek in Watonwan County	10/24/23
Lewiston Wastewater Treatment Facility/MN0023965	Chloride	626 mg/L, daily maximum	Unnamed creek in Winona County, Minnesota	7/24/23
Lester Prairie Wastewater Treatment Plant/MN-0023957	Chloride	762 mg/L, daily maximum	South Fork Crow River in McLeod County	6/23/23
Western Lake Superior Sanitary District (WLSSD) Wastewater Treatment Facility/MN0049786	Mercury	5.2 ng/L monthly average; 6.5 ng/L daily maximum	St. Louis River (St. Louis Bay) in St. Louis County	5/19/23
Waseca Wastewater Treatment Plant/ MN0020796	Chloride	600 mg/L, daily maximum	Unnamed Tributary to the Le Sueur River in Waseca County	3/30/23
Albert Lea Wastewater Treatment Facility/ MN0041092	Chloride	381 mg/L, daily maximum	Shell Rock River in Freeborn County	12/17/21
Glacial Lakes Sanitary Sewer and Water District/ MN0052752	Chloride	693 mg/L, daily maximum	Middle Fork of the Crow River in Kandiyohi County	12/14/21
Sherburn Wastewater Treatment Plant/ MN0024872	Hardness  Bicarbonate  Specific Conductance  Total Dissolved Solids	3,180 µmhos/cm, daily maximum for specific conductance	County Ditch 11 in Martin County	6/25/21

Worthington Wastewater Treatment Facility/ MN0031186	Chloride	444 mg/L, daily maximum	Okabena Creek in Nobles County	05/05/21
Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar – Renville/ MN0040665	Hardness Bicarbonates Total dissolved salts Specific Conductance	3,675 $\mu$ mhos/cm @ 25°C (September – April)	County Ditch 45; tributary to Sacred Heart Creek and the Minnesota River	12/16/20