

*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 September 12, 2025

This list is a catalog of all variances that have been approved by EPA since 2020.

Variance Facility/ Permit No.	Pollutant(s) Affected	Variance Limit	Affected Waters	Approval Date
Holdingford Wastewater Treatment Facility/ MN0023710	Chloride	628 mg/L, monthly average	South Two River in Stearns County	09/12/25
Chisago Lakes Joint Sewage Treatment Commission/ MN0055808	Chloride	286 mg/L, monthly average	Unnamed ditch in Chisago County	03/05/25
Mayer Wastewater Treatment Facility/ MN0021202	Chloride	607 mg/L, monthly average	South Fork Crow River in Carver County	03/03/25
Pelican Rapids Wastewater Treatment Facility/ MN0022225	Chloride	681 mg/L, monthly average	Pelican River in Otter Tail County	11/08/24
Grand Marais Wastewater Treatment Facility/ MN0020010	Mercury	6.1 ng/L, daily maximum	Lake Superior Shoreline in Cook County	10/31/24
Kerkhoven Wastewater Treatment Facility/ MN0020583	Chloride	468 mg/L, monthly average	County Ditch 61 in Swift County	09/04/24
Tri-City Wastewater Treatment Systems Board Wastewater Treatment Facility/MN0025224	Chloride	476 mg/L, monthly average	County Ditch 87 in Faribault County	08/19/24
Nerstrand Wastewater Treatment Facility/ MN0065668	Chloride	342 mg/L, monthly average	Unnamed ditch in Rice County	07/29/24
New Richland Wastewater Treatment Facility/ MN0021032	Chloride	395 mg/L, monthly average	Unnamed ditch in Waseca County	07/19/24
Lonsdale Wastewater Treatment Facility/ MN0031241	Chloride	550 mg/L, monthly average	Unnamed ditch in Rice County	07/17/24
Dawson Wastewater Treatment Facility/ MN0021881	Chloride	671 mg/L, daily maximum	County Judicial Ditch 4 in Lac Qui Parle County	04/09/24
Altura Wastewater Treatment Facility/ MN0021831	Chloride	392 mg/L, monthly average	Unnamed tributary to the South Fork of the Whitewater	04/03/24

			River in Winona County	
Marshall Wastewater Treatment Facility/ MN0022179	Chloride	468 mg/L, monthly average	Redwood River in Lyon County	02/01/24
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

<p>Southern Minnesota Beet Sugar – Renville/ MN0040665</p>	<p>Hardness  Bicarbonates Total dissolved salts  Specific Conductance</p>	<p>3,675 <math>\mu\text{mhos/cm}</math> @ 25°C (September – April)</p>	<p>County Ditch 45; tributary to Sacred Heart Creek and the Minnesota River</p>	<p>12/16/20</p>
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