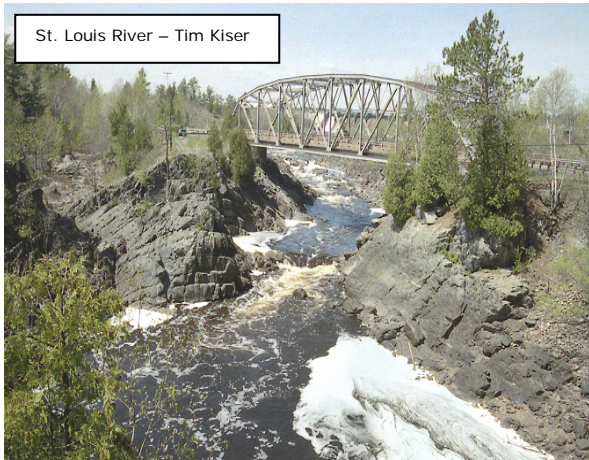


## Stop the Attack on Minnesota's Drinking Water

Stop the attacks on America's drinking water. 1 in 3 Americans' drinking water sources are at risk now. That includes the drinking water for nearly 1 in every 5 Minnesotans. **The Administration has a strong, commonsense plan to make clean water a priority by protecting the sources that feed the drinking water for more than 117 million Americans, including almost 979,000 thousand Minnesotans.** If Congress blocks the proposal to protect clean water, at least 51% of Minnesota's stream miles and 20 million acres of wetlands nationwide will continue to be at risk from pollution and destruction from development, oil and gas production, and other industrial activities. Stopping this proposal imperils drinking water sources, as well as the small businesses and communities that rely on clean water.



- **18% of Minnesotans – nearly 1 in 5 residents** - get their drinking water from sources that rely on small streams currently vulnerable to pollution.
- **627 miles of streams** that feed into Minnesota's drinking water sources are at risk. The Clean Water Rule would clarify protections for 36% of the stream miles in MN's Source Water Protection Areas, including intermittent, ephemeral, and headwater streams.
- **Thousands of acres of wetlands** that provide flood protection, recharge groundwater supplies, filter pollution, and provide essential wildlife habitat are at risk.

### Rule Provides More Economic Benefits than Costs

- **This commonsense proposal restores, but does not expand, the historic coverage of the Clean Water Act.** EPA estimates that the proposed rule would provide \$388 million to \$514 million annually in **benefits** to the public, including reducing flooding, filtering pollution, providing wildlife habitat, supporting hunting and fishing, and recharging groundwater.
- **Protecting small streams and wetlands supports fish, wildlife and Minnesota's vibrant recreational industry.** The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service reports that in 2011, \$3.9 billion was spent on wildlife recreation in MN, including \$2.4 billion on fishing, and more than 2.5 million people participated in these recreational activities in Minnesota.
- **Minnesota's thriving brewing industry relies on clean water.** Small Minnesota breweries contribute almost \$741 million to our economy every year and support almost 8,000 jobs.

### Minnesota Clean Water Rule Supporters

- **Nearly 16,000 Minnesota residents, out of more than 800,000 Americans expressed support the rule.**
- 31 Minnesota conservation, environmental, faith-based and union organizations, representing thousands of citizens.
- Over a dozen Minnesota elected officials, including Hennepin County Public Works wrote letters in support of the rule. Minnesota also joined 34 other states in 2006 to urge the Supreme Court to uphold strong federal clean water protections and in 2003 opposed Bush administration efforts to roll back protections for small streams and wetlands.

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