

**Agency Purpose**

The mission of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is to work with Minnesotans to protect, conserve, and improve our environment and enhance our quality of life.

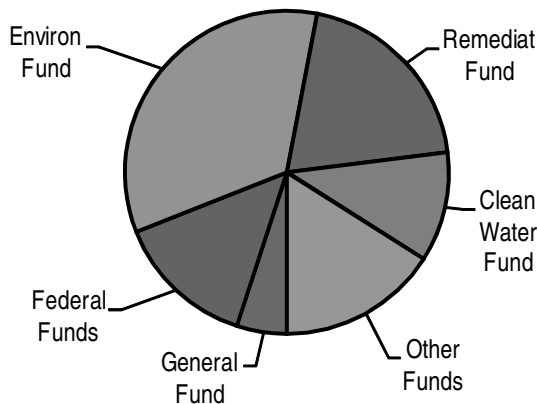
The vision for the MPCA is:

- clean and sustainable surface water and groundwater systems;
- clean and clear air;
- land that supports desired uses;
- excellence in operations; and
- Minnesotans taking responsibility to protect our environment.

**At a Glance**

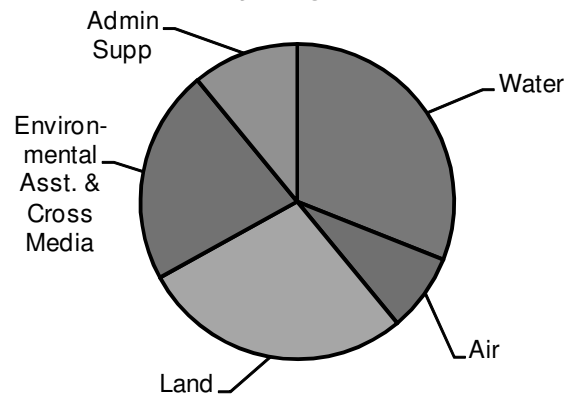
- Leverages partnerships and resources to address environmental issues and achieve results.
- Product stewardship program provides an innovative approach to conserving resources, reducing waste and increasing recycling.
- Addresses complex environmental problems effectively and efficiently through use of technology, technical and financial assistance, prevention, regulation, and cleanup solutions; examples include restoring contaminated soils for future development opportunities.
- Monitors more than 750 sites across the state to determine environmental conditions of air, surface waters and ground water.
- Provides resources to local units of government to reduce air and water pollutants and waste generation, and improve the cost effectiveness of recycling, composting and recovery programs.
- Provides web interface that shares environmental data through programs such as What's in My Neighborhood and Environmental Data Access.
- Performs permitting, inspection, compliance determination, and enforcement actions at sites and facilities whose operations impact the condition of air, water and land.
- Issues over 7,000 water permits, 4,000 air permits and 200 solid and hazardous waste permits, while inspecting and issuing licenses for more than 40,000 sites for hazardous waste generation, feedlots, and tank management.
- Leads state-financed clean-up at 265 contaminated sites and oversees work at an additional 3,000 sites.
- Manages training and certification for over 2,500 wastewater operators, landfill inspectors, tank operators and household hazardous waste facility staff each year.

**Est. FY 2010-11 Expenditures by Fund**



Source: MAPS FY10 Expenditures & FY11 Current Budget

**Est. FY 2010-11 Expenditures by Program**



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## Strategies

The MPCA's mission is implemented following these strategies:

- Focus on priorities and manage for environmental results.
- Actively partner to leverage knowledge, ideas, and resources.
- Rely on data for decision making.
- Integrate environmental, economic and social sciences when developing environmental policy.
- Strive for excellence and innovation in service delivery.

## Operations

The MPCA separates its work according to media: water, air and land. Three of the MPCA's five budget programs reflect these three media. Environmental Assistance and Cross-Media, the fourth budget program, includes activities that cross and combine the three major media. Administrative Support, the fifth budget program, encompasses the support services that enable efficient program delivery throughout the agency.

**The Commissioner's Office** sets the strategic direction for the MPCA and provides an essential link to stakeholders and partners. In addition, the MPCA is organized into eight divisions. Programs and services are managed and delivered through MPCA offices in St. Paul, Duluth, Brainerd, Rochester, Mankato, Detroit Lakes, Willmar, and Marshall.

**The Environmental Analysis and Outcomes Division** employs staff to monitor and evaluate the physical, chemical, and biological conditions of Minnesota's environment. The Division identifies environmental threats and potential impacts to human health and ecosystems, helps set environmental goals and measures progress in achieving them, establishes environmental standards, conducts risk assessments, develops the permit limits needed for regulatory work, and makes environmental data available to staff, stakeholders, and citizens. This Division also conducts rulemaking regarding the beneficial use of waters of the state.

**The Prevention and Assistance Division** uses technical and financial assistance to arrive at innovative approaches to environmental problems. Business Assistance staff efforts include product stewardship, market development environmental design, pollution prevention, waste and toxicity reduction as well as operating in compliance. Community development staff builds partnerships with community leaders in topic areas such as low impact designs, green development and sustainability. The Business and Community First Link staff answer regulatory and environmental questions from businesses and citizens about air and water quality, solid and hazardous waste, and storage tank regulation. Services provided through the Information Systems Office includes data management, telecommunications, desktop, Web, GIS, applications development and system security.

**The Remediation Division** is dedicated to cleaning up accidental spills that pollute the soil, water or air through its Emergency Response Section. The Division addresses pollution that occurred over a long period of time through remediation efforts such as the Closed Landfill and Superfund programs, petroleum contaminated site and leaking storage tank cleanup, Brownfield program for land redevelopment, and the voluntary investigation and cleanup programs.

**The Regional Division** enables environmental problem solving at the local level. The Division is focused on building local capacity to restore and improve the environment. Water quality programs specifically include feedlots, watershed protection and restoration management, stormwater, and other efforts targeting nonpoint source pollution. Staff also completes environmental review, disburse clean water partnership grants, and complete total maximum daily load (TMDL) plans and studies under Minnesota's Clean Water Legacy Act.

**The Industrial Division** provides regulatory services for industrial sources of air, water, and land pollution. Permitting, compliance, and enforcement for water and air quality, industrial solid waste, hazardous waste, and industrial stormwater are based in this division as well as the rulemaking for tanks. Recent and significant growth within business sectors prompted the MPCA to form teams to address specific project needs.

**The Municipal Division** provides regulatory services for publicly-owned wastewater treatment facilities and stormwater facilities. The Division provides regulatory services regarding mixed-municipal land disposal facilities, demolition land disposal and recycling facilities, recycling centers, and transfer stations. This Division provides

technical assistance, permitting, compliance and enforcement services regarding sub-surface sewage treatment systems. The Division is responsible for rules and policy governing the MPCA's water and waste regulatory programs.

**The Data Performance Management Division** works to implement data and performance management systems. The Division's focus is on creating accessible and useful data management systems; deploy the MPCA's continuous improvement effort; lead organizational development; and advance sustainable practices to reduce the MPCA's environmental footprint and influence other agencies to do likewise.

**The Operational Support Division** oversees the MPCA's financial management (accounts receivable/payables and grants and contract management) and its business operations (records management, vehicle fleet, equipment and supplies, facilities and leasing, mail and shipping). Further, the Division provides essential support through human resource management and communication services. Division staff is mainly located in St. Paul, although a number of communication professionals work in regional offices.

The MPCA Citizens' Board **is unique to state government and acts on significant and controversial environmental issues.**

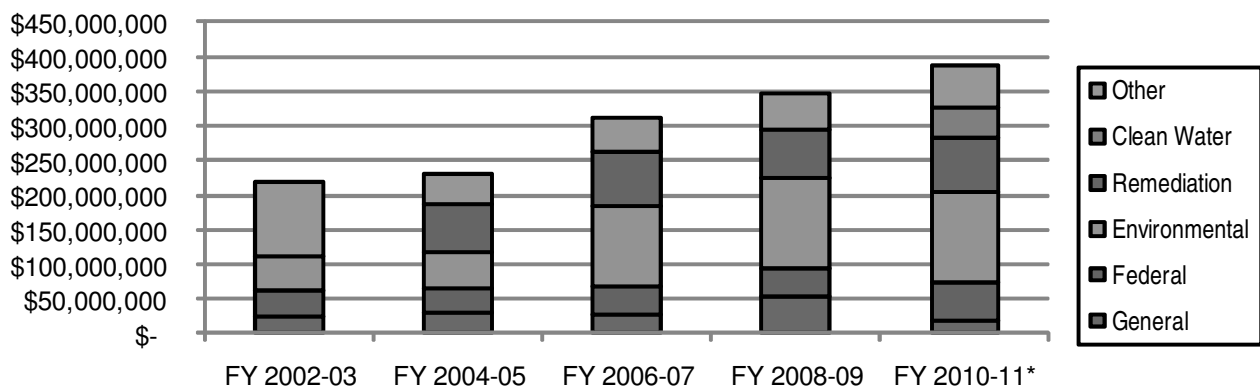
**Budget Trends**

The MPCA managed a number of authorized appropriations for FY 2010-11, including appropriation changes from the 2010 Legislative session, totaling \$387.9 million. The mix of funding is 5% General Fund, 34% Environmental Fund, 20% Remediation Fund, 11% Clean Water Fund, 14% federal and 16% other sources.

The graphs below show the MPCA's budget in terms of its media programs and the specific funds used to support the programs. The Environmental Fund receives most of its revenues through fee-based systems and as such is reflective of economic trends. Program work is impacted by changing federal regulations since it operates a number of regulatory programs on behalf of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency.

Additionally, a trends analysis has been developed to show how the funding has changed over time. It should be noted that the significant increase in FY2006-2007 reflects the merger of the MPCA with the Office of Environmental Assistance.

**Total Expenditures by Fund**



\* FY 2010-11 is estimated, not actual. Source data for the previous chart is the Minnesota Accounting and Procurement System (MAPS) as of 08/30/10.

### Contact

For more information, contact Fiscal – Operational Support at (651) 296-6300 or toll-free at 800-657-3864

In addition, visitors can learn more about environmental issues at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us> such as pollution prevention, reuse, recycling, responsible waste management, sustainable practices, as well as regulatory news, rules, public notices, details about environmental quality and current “hot topics.”

MPCA’s strategic plan can be accessed at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/about-mpca/mpca-overview/agency-strategy/mpca-strategic-plan.html>