

Info Item 1: Turbidity and Phosphorus Permit Issues for Metro Area Waters

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Background

■ Phosphorus and suspended solids impact aquatic habitat

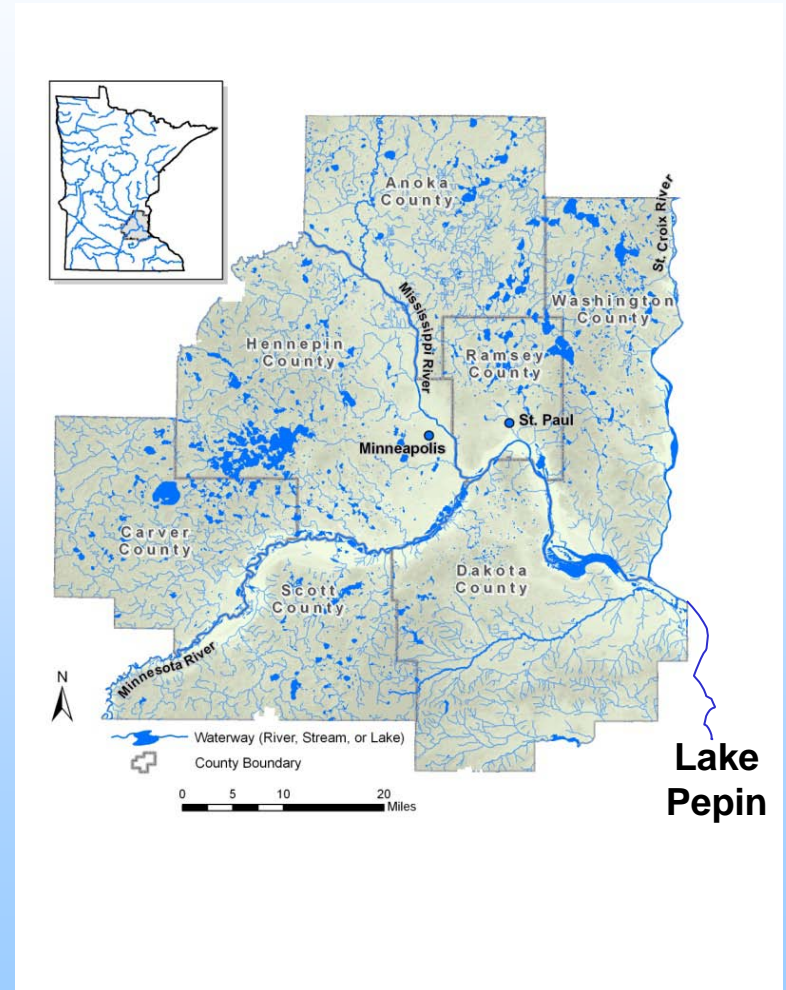
- Metro area waters
- Lake Pepin
- Gulf of Mexico





Restoration Tools

- **Point source control**
 - Through wastewater permits
 - Through MS4 permits
- **Nonpoint source control**
 - Voluntary actions





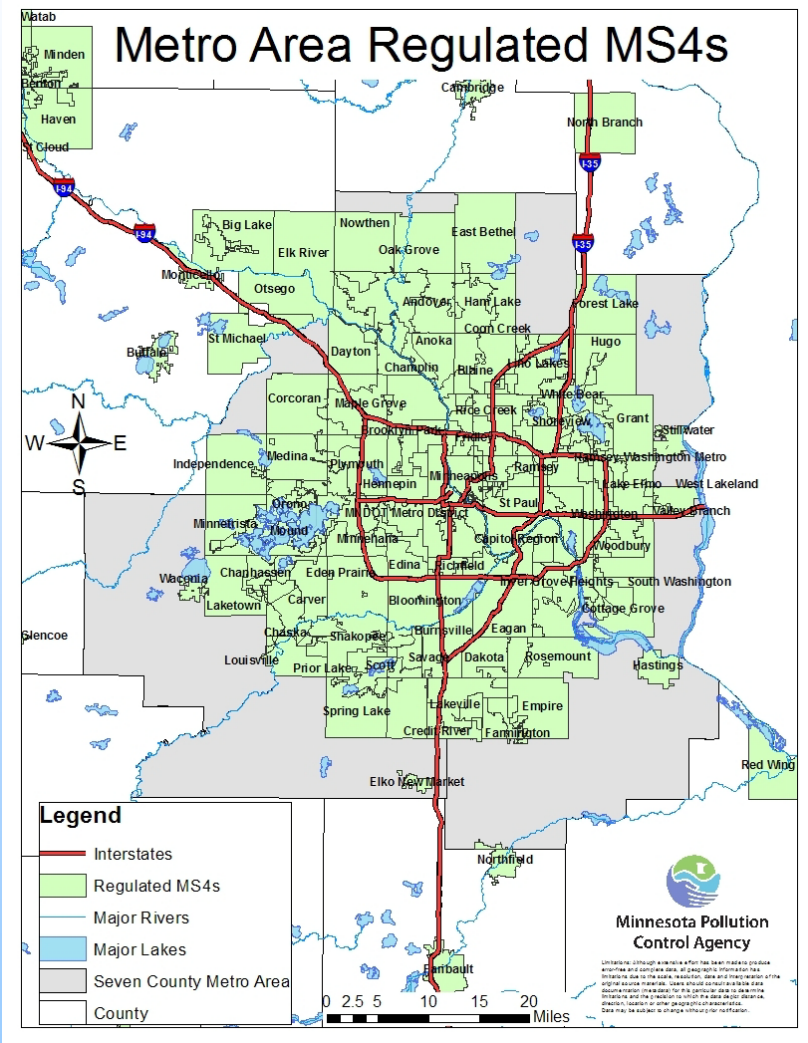
Wastewater Permitting Issues



- **Point sources minor phosphorus contributor compared to nonpoint sources at normal flow conditions**
- **MCES facilities achieved practical limit for phosphorus**
- **Extreme cost for additional treatment**



MS4 Permitting Issues

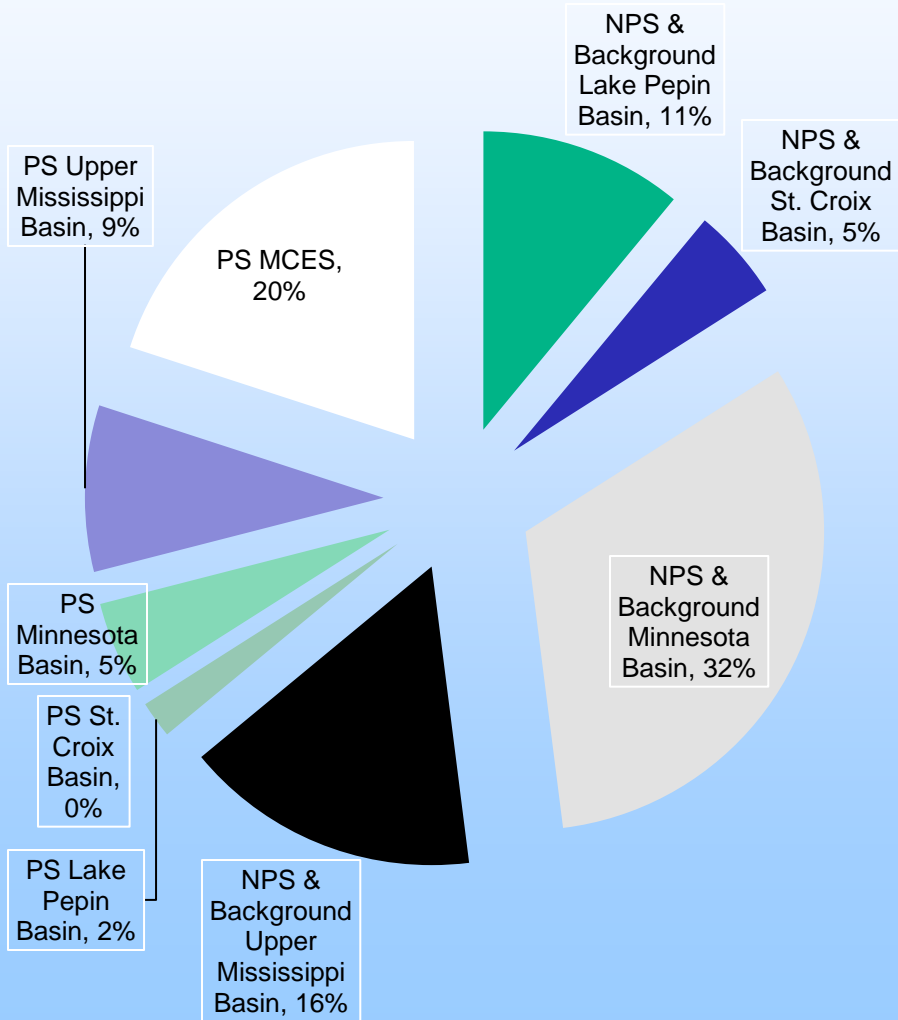


- MS4s facing tighter restrictions
- Very high added cost to further remove phosphorus

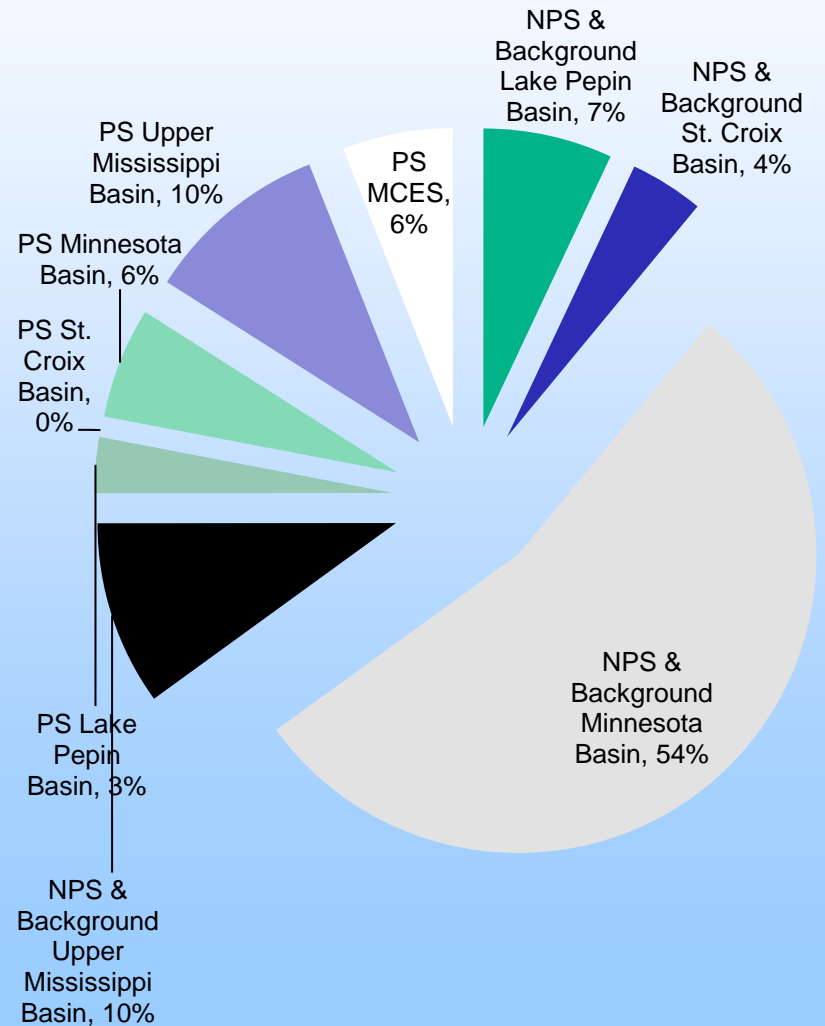


Current Situation

Pre - 2007



Post - 2007





Summary

- **Phosphorus and solids impact water resources**
- **Balance of nonpoint and point source reductions**
- **Solutions are costly**
- **Need to work together to solve**





Questions

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