

Subject Pesticide and wild-rice water

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### Overview

This bill adds specific consideration for the protection of wild-rice waters in pesticide enforcement, pesticide best management practices, pesticide management plans, state use of pesticides, and pesticide education and training.

### Summary

Section	Description
1	<b>Wild-rice water.</b> Adds definition of “wild-rice water” to chapter 18B, Pesticide Control.
2	<b>Wild-rice waters enforcement.</b> Allows Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA) to use its pesticide enforcement authority with violations of chapter 18B, Pesticide Control, and related rules if the violation results in adverse effects to wild-rice water. Prohibits MDA from treating these types of violations as minor violations where MDA may decide not to enforce in the interest of the public. Directs MDA to deposit penalties in the pesticide regulatory account.
3	<b>Pesticide impact on environment.</b> Includes consideration of pesticides’ immediate and bioaccumulative effects and its effects on sediment, soil, and wild-rice waters when determining pesticide best management practices and state coordination. Requires coordination with Tribal governments.
4	<b>Pesticide management plan.</b> Clarifies that MDA must include mitigation of pesticides in wild-rice water in its development of pesticide management plans. Includes the Minnesota Indian Affairs Council and Tribal governments among state coordination for pesticide management plans.

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5	<b>State uses of pesticides and nutrients.</b> Requires the state to take particular care to ensure pesticides applied to state lands do not flow into wild-rice water.
6	<b>Pesticide education and training.</b> Includes protection of wild-rice waters in pesticide education and training. Requires MDA to appoint a representative from a Tribal government on the educational planning committee. Includes Tribal colleges in updates to pesticide applicator training manuals and examinations.



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