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- 1 **Evaluation of wastewater treatment works.** Changes the time frame for evaluating wastewater treatment works and the associated reporting requirement to once every two years. Under existing law, the Pollution Control Agency (PCA) has the authority to require governmental subdivisions operating wastewater treatment works to evaluate those treatment works every year.
- 2 **Prohibition on selected toxics in packaging.** Extends until 2010 the existing the provision granting exemptions in limited circumstances from the prohibition against using selected toxics in packaging. Under existing law, exemptions were only granted until January 1, 2000.
- 3 **Product review reports.** Amends the exemption from to listed metals product review report requirement to make the exemption applicable to products that are the subject of a recommendation by the Toxics in Packaging Clearinghouse, as administered by the council of state governments.
- 4 **Report on agency name.** Requires the PCA to report by September 1, 2000, to environment policy and finance committees on a recommendation for a change to the agency name, the options considered, and the process used to develop the recommendation.
- 5 **Repealer.** Repeals the following sections:
 - 115A.981 - requiring the owner or operator of a solid waste facility to submit an annual report to the PCA that includes a schedule of fees charged by the owner or operator and a financial assurance certification, and requiring the PCA to prepare a biennial report on the economic status of the state's solid waste management sector; and
 - 297H.13, subdivision 6 - requiring the PCA to include in the report required by section 115A.981 (also repealed) the extent, if any, to which the solid waste management tax is not collected on the full cost of organized collection services.
- 6 **Effective date.** Provides that section 2 is effective the day following final enactment.

