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Section

1 Total maximum daily load report procedure.

Subd. 1. Definitions. Contains definitions for purposes of the bill, including "total maximum daily load" or "TMDL."

Subd. 3. TMDL report notice; contents. Requires the Pollution Control Agency (PCA) to give notice to anyone requesting, and to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and in the State Register, that it plans to submit a TMDL report on a body of water, as required by federal law. Allows, if 25 or more people are affected by the proposed report, a request for a contested case hearing for possible report changes.

Subd. 4. Statement of need and reasonableness. Requires the PCA to file a statement of need for and reasonableness of the TMDL report, including the compliance costs, alternative methods and costs, and an assessment of differences, if any, between the report and federal regulations.

Subd. 5. Requests for contested case proceeding. Describes procedures under a request for a contested case hearing on a TMDL report, including having a scientific panel review the report's findings.