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## Bill Summary

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### Section

- 1**      **Definitions.** Contains definitions for the "total maximum daily load" (TMDL's) requirements under federal and state law.
- 2**      **MPCA administration.** Requires the Pollution Control Agency (PCA) to develop and approve TMDL's for impaired waters in the state, and look at nutrient impairments on a case by case basis. Allows some flexibility for municipal wastewater treatment plant permits to be issued before an impaired water TMDL is completed under certain conditions.  
  
          **Subd. 4. TMDL notice; contents.** R equires specified public notice procedures for when a TMDL is submitted to the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, including the possibility for a contested case procedure.  
  
          **Subd. 5. Third party TMDL development.** States that only qualified public agencies may perform third-party TMDL's under the direction of the PCA.
- 3**      **Public participation.** Requires full participation as a goal for public agencies involved in the TMDL development process, and the utilization of expert scientific advice.
- 4**      **Trust fund appropriation.** Amends Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116P to appropriate \$4 million annually from the Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund for TMDL development under this bill.
- 5**      **Appropriation.** Appropriates \$1,750,000 in FY2006 and \$2,250,000 in FY2007 from the trust fund for the PCA's TMDL development on impaired waters.