Dear

Thank you for contacting the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) with your environmental questions.

We have a wonderful tool that will help you locate and decipher environmental activity, based on a specific site you are interested in.

Please see the following link, <a href="https://www.pca.state.mn.us/about-mpca/whats-in-my-neighborhood">https://www.pca.state.mn.us/about-mpca/whats-in-my-neighborhood</a> then click on "Map Search" located in the center of the page.

Once this comes up, there will be a search bar in the upper "left" hand corner, click on the downward triangle to the left side of this search bar, and choose option, "ArcGIS World Geocoding", then input your desired address.

It may take a few minutes for your data to come up, so please be patient. When it does, there will be a guide that will show up on the right side of the page that will help you interpret what all the colored icons mean.

Please take note: This search tool will show ALL cleanup sites that the MPCA has ever worked on, and ALL sites the MPCA has ever regulated. Just because a site is on the map, does NOT mean there is an environmental problem. Most sites on the map are businesses that are complying with environmental laws, by getting permits from the MPCA, or reporting their hazardous waste use to us. For example, every dentist that uses mercury in fillings, will be on the map, and every automotive business that does oil changes, will be there a well. If the MPCA is aware of a potential environmental problem, there will likely be an investigation and cleanup activity at the site, or an enforcement action that has taken place.

If you need further clarification on how to interpret the data you are seeing, please feel free to contact our staff expert on this search tool, **Sara Mueller**, by email: <a href="mailto:sara.mueller@state.mn.us">sara.mueller@state.mn.us</a>, or by phone: (651) 757-2593.

If you need to make an **Information Request**, please do so by filling out the "Information Request Form" at the following link: MPCA Information Request Form

If you have any technical questions throughout this process, please contact our **E Services team** at: <a href="mailto:onlineservices.pca@state.mn.us">onlineservices.pca@state.mn.us</a> or call (651) 757-2728 or (844) 828-0942, 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. CST, Monday through Friday.

If anyone wishes to file a formal complaint with the MPCA, they can do so at the following link: MPCA Citizen Complaint Form (sign in as a guest). \* If one wishes to remain anonymous, please make that known within the documentation.

When a complaint is submitted, an identification number is received. Hang on to this, should one ever wish to follow back up with us, we can then easily locate the complaint by this number. (but we can still find it, if this number is not retrieved, based on company name, or date of submission).

Sincerely,

## **Minnesota Pollution Control Agency**

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