

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Lands and Minerals Division

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT EXPEDITED RULES WITHOUT A PUBLIC HEARING

Proposed Rules Relating to Gas Resource Development Permitting, *Minnesota Rules*, parts 6124; Revisor's ID Number R-4995

Introduction. The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) intends to adopt rules under the expedited rulemaking process following the rules of the Court of Administrative Hearings, *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.2410, and the Administrative Procedure Act, *Minnesota Statutes*, section 14.389. You may submit written comments on the proposed expedited rules until **4:30 p.m. on July 2, 2026**.

Subject of the Expedited Rules. The purpose of the proposed rules is to control possible adverse environmental effects of gas resource development, to preserve natural resources, and to encourage the planning of future land utilization, while at the same time promoting the orderly development of gas resources, encouraging of good gas resource development practices, preventing waste, avoiding the drilling of unnecessary wells, protecting the correlative rights of landowners, and recognizing the beneficial aspects of gas resource development. Additionally, pooling and spacing regulations are needed to prevent waste and protect the correlative interests of landowners in a common pool or supply source of gas resources. Under Minnesota Statutes 93.513, an operator must control 100 percent of the extraction area before a permit is issued. Rules are needed that provide the DNR with information necessary to determine a proposed project's extraction area and confirm that the permit applicant controls 100 percent of the mineral interests within the spacing unit that defines the extraction area.

Statutory Authority. The statutory authority to adopt these rules is Minnesota Statutes, section 93.514 (a), item (4). The statutory authority to adopt the rules under the expedited rulemaking process is Minnesota Statutes, section 93.514 (b).

Publication of proposed rules. A copy of the proposed rules is published in the *State Register* and attached to this notice if mailed. The proposed expedited rules may be viewed at: <https://www.dnr.state.mn.us/input/rules/index.html>.

Agency Contact Person. The agency contact person is Michael Liljegren, at Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, Lands and Minerals Division, 500 Lafayette Road, Saint Paul,

MN 55155-4045. You may contact the agency contact person with questions about the rules at the following address: GasRulesDNR@state.mn.us.

Public Comment. You have until **4:30 p.m. on July 2, 2026**, to submit written comment(s) in support of or in opposition to the proposed expedited rules and any part or subpart of the rules.

Your comment must be in writing and received by the agency contact person by the due date. Your comment should identify the portion of the proposed expedited rules addressed and the reason for the comment. In addition, you are encouraged to propose any change desired. You must also make any comments that you have on the legality of the proposed rules during this comment period. If the proposed expedited rules affect you in any way, the agency encourages you to participate in the rulemaking process.

Submit written comments to:

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All comments or responses received are public data and will be available for review at the agency.

Modifications. The agency may modify the proposed expedited rules using either of two avenues: The agency may modify the rules directly so long as the modifications do not make them substantially different as defined in *Minnesota Statutes*, section 14.05, subdivision 2, paragraphs (b) and (c). Or the agency may adopt substantially different rules if it follows the procedure under *Minnesota Rules*, part 1400.2110. If the final rules are identical to the rules originally published in the *State Register*, the agency will publish a notice of adoption in the *State Register*. If the final rules are different from the rules originally published in the *State Register*, the agency must publish a copy of the changes in the *State Register*.

Adoption and Review of Expedited Rules. The DNR may adopt the rules at the end of the comment period. The DNR will then submit rules and supporting documents to the Court of Administrative Hearings for review of legality. You may ask to be notified of the date that the agency submits the rules. If you want to be so notified or want to receive a copy of the adopted

rules or want to register with the agency to receive notice of future rule proceedings, submit your request to the agency contact person listed above.

Lobbyist Registration. *Minnesota Statutes*, chapter 10A, requires each lobbyist to register with the State Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. You may direct questions about this requirement to the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board at: Suite #190, Centennial Building, 658 Cedar Street, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, telephone (651) 539-1180 or 1-800-657-3889.

Alternative Format. Upon request, this information can be made available in an alternative format, such as large print, braille, or audio. To make such a request, please contact the agency contact person at the address or telephone number listed above.

April 24, 2026

Date

/s/ SARAH STROMMEN

Sarah Strommen
Commissioner