

Following is a summary of the current TMDL projects in the 6217 management area:

Lake Superior Basin TMDL Project Schedule (conventional parameters)

Project Number	Project Name	Reach	Cost Range	Year Listed	Assessment Unit ID	Pollutant or stressor	Start	Target Completion
1	<i>Knife River, Lake Superior Basin</i>	Knife River; Headwaters to Lk Superior	H	02	04010102-504	pH	2002	2006
		Knife River; Headwaters to Lk Superior		96	04010102-504	Turbidity	2002	2006
2	Miller Creek, Lake Superior Basin	Miller Creek; Headwaters to mouth	H	02	04010201-512	Impaired biota	2003	2011
		Miller Creek; Headwaters to mouth		02	04010201-512	Temperature	2003	2011
3	Nemadji River and Deer Creek - Turbidity	Nemadji River; Headwaters to State border	H	04	04010301-505	Turbidity	2004	2012
4		Deer Creek; Headwaters to Nemadji R		04	04010301-503	Turbidity	2004	2012
5	North Shore Streams Group-Lester River	Lester River; Headwaters to Lk Superior	L	98	04010102-507	Turbidity	2005	2011
6	North Shore Streams Group-Talmadge River	Talmadge River; Headwaters to Lk Superior	M	96	04010102-508	Low Oxygen	2005	2011
		Talmadge River; Headwaters to Lk Superior		04	04010102-508	Turbidity	2005	2011
7	North Shore Streams Group-Amity Creek	Amity Cr; Unnamed Cr to Lester R	L	04	04010102-501	Turbidity	2005	2011
8	North Shore Streams Group-French River	French River; Headwaters to Lk Superior	L	04	04010102-506	Turbidity	2005	2011
9	North Shore Streams Group-Poplar River	Poplar River; Mistletoe Cr to Footbridge at Lutsen	L	04	04010102-613	Turbidity	2005	2011
10	North Shore Streams Group-Beaver River	Beaver River; Headwaters to Lk Superior	M	02	04010102-501	pH	2005	2011
		Beaver River; Headwaters to Lk Superior		96	04010102-501	Turbidity	2005	2011

Note: Project schedules are subject to funding and staffing capacity.

A map showing the locations of these project reaches is at:

<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publications/maps/tmdl-ls-conv-04.pdf>

MPCA TMDL Website: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water/tmdl/index.html>

The TMDL program provides a key framework for planning, implementation, monitoring and oversight for impaired waters, including a process to define watershed “retrofit” practices in both urban and rural watersheds. Existing development retrofit practices are included in the toolbox of BMPs that will be used to implement TMDL plans. Therefore, the TMDL priority schedule also provides a priority schedule for defining and implementing both new and retrofit BMPs.

Lawsuits are a potential outcome if CWA mandates are inadequately addressed. Combining the federal mandate with the value Minnesotans place on water resources and their importance to tourism, economic growth and community growth, the issue of impaired waters clearly is a priority for the state.

