

Minnesota Point Beach Nourishment

MPCA's Perspectives and Lessons Learned

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MPCA's authority and role

- Regulator and partner
- Section 401 Water Quality Certification
 - Triggered by federal action
 - Potential for point source discharge
 - Waters of the United States/Waters of the State
 - Antidegradation analysis
 - Public notice



Optimizing beneficial use

- Prioritized over disposal
- Human Health Risk Assessment
 - Review of existing data
 - Beach and in-water samples in 2020
- Verify suitability of material for beach placement



Engaging stakeholders

- The value of partnerships
- Public perception matters
- Shared goals and different roles
- Responding to complaints



Lessons learned

- Adaptive management is key
- Trust the experts and defend the science
- Educate stakeholders
- Maintain open lines communication

