

4720.9015 PROJECT PRIORITY LIST.

Subpart 1. **General.** The commissioner must develop and maintain a project priority list for entities that have a need for a new or upgraded water supply system.

Subp. 2. **Notice.** At least once a year, the commissioner must provide notification to all eligible public drinking water suppliers that requests for placement on the project priority list are being accepted. The notice must include the schedule for submittal of the requirements listed in subparts 4 and 5, or subpart 6, in order to be placed on the project priority list.

Subp. 3. **Project priority list amendments.** As needed, but at least once per year, the commissioner must amend the project priority list to add or delete projects.

Subp. 4. **General requirements.** To be eligible for placement on the project priority list, a written request for placement on the project priority list must be submitted to the commissioner. The request must include:

- A. the type of project (planning, design, or construction) for which financial assistance is being requested;
- B. a current cost estimate and, if different, the amount of financial assistance being requested; and
- C. a proposed project schedule in a form acceptable to the commissioner.

Subp. 5. **Additional requirements for applicants seeking financial assistance for planning activities and design.** The request for inclusion of a project under the planning or design section of the project priority list must include:

- A. a description of the need for the project;
- B. an estimate of the population and number of households to be served; and
- C. a map showing the geographical area the project is expected to serve.

Subp. 6. **Additional requirements for applicants seeking financial assistance for construction.** The request for listing a construction project on the project priority list under this part must include:

- A. a map of the geographical area;
- B. the population and number of households to be served;
- C. a description of the current drinking water supply system;
- D. a discussion of any existing and potential problems or failures in the current drinking water system;
- E. an analysis of possible alternatives for the correction of the problems or failures, including a cost estimate for each alternative;

F. the selection of an alternative, including the reasons for the selection of this alternative and a detailed cost estimate; and

G. for public water suppliers serving more than 1,000 persons, the status of the applicant's implementation of an approved emergency and water conservation plan required under Minnesota Statutes, section 103G.291.

Subp. 7. **Priority points.** A project must be assigned project priority points before being listed on the project priority list. The commissioner must review and approve the information submitted under subpart 4, 5, or 6 before assigning project priority points. Approval must be based on the determination that the information addresses the requirements under subpart 4, 5, or 6 and an evaluation that the selected alternative will provide a solution to the problems presented. A project's priority points must be the total number of priority points assigned under parts 4720.9020 to 4720.9040. The project priority points may be recalculated when new information becomes available until the project is placed on the intended use plan as provided in part 7380.0255.

Subp. 8. **Listing order.** Projects must be listed on the project priority list in descending order according to the number of total priority points assigned to each one. When two or more projects have the same priority point total, the project sponsored by the entity with the lowest median household income must receive the highest priority.

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