

**7100.0150 POLICY AND PURPOSE.**

The official policy and purpose of the state of Minnesota in regard to these matters is set forth in Minnesota Statutes 1971, sections 116.21 to 116.35, which are stated in part as follows:

"Section 116.21. Nutrients in cleaning agents and water conditioners, control; statement of policy.

The legislature seeks to encourage the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency through the passage of sections 116.21 to 116.35, to set standards limiting the amount of nutrients in various cleaning agents and water conditioning agents. The legislature realizes that the nutrients contained in many of these products serve a valuable purpose in increasing their overall effectiveness, but we are also aware that they overstimulate the growth of aquatic life and eventually lead to an acceleration of the natural eutrophication process of our state's waters. Limitations imposed under sections 116.21 to 116.35 should, however, be made taking the following factors into consideration:

- (1) The availability of safe, nonpolluting and effective substitutes.
- (2) The difference in the mineral content of water in various parts of the state.
- (3) The differing needs of industrial, commercial, and household users of cleaning agents and chemical water conditioners.

Section 116.24. Regulations.

The Pollution Control Agency may make regulations:

- (a) Prescribing, for the purpose of section 116.23, nutrients and the maximum permissible concentration, if any, of a prescribed nutrient in any cleaning agent or chemical water conditioner;
- (b) Respecting the manner in which the concentration of any prescribed nutrient in a cleaning agent or chemical water conditioner shall be determined; and
- (c) Requiring persons who manufacture in Minnesota any cleaning agent or chemical water conditioner to maintain books and records necessary for the proper enforcement of sections 116.21 to 116.35 and regulations thereunder, and to submit samples of cleaning agents or water conditioners to the Pollution Control Agency."

**Statutory Authority:** *MS s 116.24*

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