

Minnesota Regulatory Status and Outlook

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Minnesota Background

- **2007 Goal** – Federal ballast regulation that is protective of Minnesota waters
- **2008 Legislature** - adopted Minn. Stat. § 115.1701-115.1707. BWMP to be approved by MPCA; Ballast activity recordkeeping
- **2008 State District Court** - orders MPCA to begin regulating ballast water discharges via permits

Minnesota State Permit

- Satisfies state legislative requirements and state court order
- 2008 and 2013 issuances
 - Concurrence with most terms and conditions of VGP 2013
 - Treatment installation required after March 30, 2018 for vessels exempted from treatment requirements under VGP 2013 (Lakers)

MN Certification of VGP 2013

- Conditions

- Concurrence with most terms and conditions of VGP 2013 and other states
- Monitoring requirements for vessels exempted from treatment requirements under VGP 2013.

- Challenged in State Court of Appeals

- “will comply with WQS” standard of law
- Lack of numeric WQBEL
- MPCA decision affirmed

Outlook

- Goal since 2007– Federal ballast regulation that is protective of Minnesota waters
- VIDA

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