

Water Quality: Impaired Waters

Minnesota's Impaired Waters list was first published in 1992. It was most recently published in 2006. The 2006 Impaired Waters List [This link leads to an external site.](#) shows 2,250 impairments on 284 rivers segments and 1,013 lakes (one lake or stream segment may have multiple impairments). So far, about 40 percent of the water resources in Minnesota that have been assessed against water quality standards do not meet at least one standard, a rate comparable with what other states are finding. Only a small percentage of Minnesota's river miles and lakes have been assessed so far. The list of impaired waters is expected to grow as assessments continue throughout the state.