

Wastewater Treatment Facility Operator Certificate

This is to certify that

Michael D DuFrane

has fulfilled the requirements for certification as a
waste disposal facilities operator in accordance with the
provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Section 115.71 - 115.77

The above person is here by certified to operate a

Class C

Wastewater Treatment Facility.



Certificate number: C-54233303

Issue date: 03/01/2025

Expiration date: 03/01/2028

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Nick Haig'.

Nick Haig, Supervisor, Certification and Training
Stormwater Section, Municipal Division



March [XX], 2025

Contact: [Facility or city representative name and email]

[Facility or city representative phone number]

[name of facility] earns recognition from MPCA for operational excellence

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) recognizes [name of facility] for outstanding operations in 2024. To receive this recognition, facilities must demonstrate consistent compliance with monitoring, operations, and maintenance requirements; submit accurate, on-time reports to the MPCA; and employ staff certified by the MPCA in wastewater operations.

"Communities across Minnesota rely on wastewater treatment facilities to stay healthy and to protect our rivers and streams," said Nicole Blasling, Municipal Division director at MPCA. "Operators at [insert name of facility] are critical to protecting and preserving water quality, and the MPCA is deeply grateful for their considerable efforts and service to their community."

[Facility] inserts information about its operations including history, recent upgrades, size of community it serves, etc.]

[insert quote from facility leader about what this recognition means for the people who work there and for the wider community]

More than 50 years ago, the Clean Water Act established the basic framework for regulating pollution in waters by creating water quality standards to protect drinking water and to maintain a healthy aquatic community for animal and recreational uses. These standards led to the development of clean water before it is returned to a river or stream.

The MPCA recognizes outstanding wastewater operators each year. Approximately 1,600 municipal and industrial wastewater treatment facilities operate across Minnesota. The MPCA reviewed a total of 676 facilities, from communities of all sizes, with 235 qualifying for the outstanding operations recognition.

About the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency is a state agency committed to ensuring that every Minnesotan has healthy air, sustainable lands, clean water, and a better climate.

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CERTIFICATE OF COMMENDATION

This Wastewater Treatment Facility Operational Award is presented to

Vergas Wastewater Treatment Facility and its staff

in recognition of exceptional compliance with its Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
NPDES/SDS wastewater permit during the 2024 review period.

Your dedication to protecting Minnesota's waters is duly
recognized and appreciated by the state of Minnesota.

Katrina Kessler

Katrina Kessler, MPCA Commissioner

