

Jenny – Here is the information for you. There are two attachments, some links and a couple of bonus tables. I've also included some contact persons who can help you in interpretation of this information.

The first attachment, "2010AnnualReportSummary.doc", is the draft summary of the data reported to us by the counties in the Annual Reports they file with us. It includes estimates of compliance for SSTS and a lot of other information. If you have questions on anything in this report, you should contact Mary West – [mary.west@state.mn.us](mailto:mary.west@state.mn.us) or 651-757-2818. It is a draft because it has not been finalized in publication format; we expect it to be final in May. We do not anticipate significant changes in this report.

The second attachment, "04 20 11 Straightpipestrib update.xls", is a spreadsheet that shows progress in addressing straight pipe communities in Minnesota. It is based on a spreadsheet developed by the Minneapolis Star Tribune for a 2008 article on the state of sewage treatment in our state. Barb McCarthy in our Duluth office added a column (Column I) to reflect progress in this area since that list was developed in 2008.

When you look at the spreadsheet, you will see that the list contains an estimate of the number of residences (column D) provided by the county in the 2008 survey report. Some areas are very small (i.e. Gluek with 4 homes) while other communities encompass an entire lake (i.e. Lake Osakis with 700 residences). This does not mean that all the homes have straight pipes; the county has simply identified a wastewater need in these communities and suspects that some surfacing from systems may exist (i.e. old systems). Also, there is a list of acronyms at the bottom of the spreadsheet to help you interpret the data.

The larger report that we do annually, "Small Wastewater Improvements 2010 Annual Update/Progress Report" will be done toward the end of the fiscal year, at the end of June. We are working on that now. Barb McCarthy is the contact person for this report; she is also the person who updated the Star Tribune spreadsheet – [barbara.mccarthy@state.mn.us](mailto:barbara.mccarthy@state.mn.us) or 218-302-6647. She asked me to suggest that you also check out the original 2008 Small Community report (<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/water/water-types-and-programs/wastewater/wastewater.html> - scroll down to the Planning part of the page), if you haven't already done so. This was MPCA's pro-active approach to identify wastewater needs statewide in small areas/communities. It is important to read this report to understand how the data was initially obtained (and the resulting Star Tribune list).

Some other information that you may find useful can be found in a recent legislative report that was prepared to discuss local government's use of 'inspection triggers' to address SSTS compliance. This report was requested by the 2010 Minnesota Legislature, and was filed in January, 2011. You can find this report on the MPCA website at: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/view-document.html?gid=15476> .

Finally, I wanted to include information on current county projects that are being funded by the state's Clean Water Legacy Fund. In these projects, 32 counties have undertaken inventories and are providing funds for SSTS upgrade for low-income property owners. We should not overlook the efforts of numerous grants provided by the state to individual counties to improve the 'infrastructure' of septic systems in their communities. The state of Minnesota provided nearly \$3.5 million in FY10 and FY11 to 31 counties to inventory and upgrade SSTS. The individual counties should be recognized for their efforts, since this can sometimes be a controversial issue in counties.

**SSTS Inventory Grants in FY 2010 (18 counties)**

<b>FY10 Applicants</b>	<b>MPCA Inventory Amount Awarded FY10</b>	<b>BWSR Low Income Fix Up Awarded</b>	<b>BWSR Enhancement Funds - Inventory</b>
Becker County	\$167,000		
Blue Earth County			\$26,000
Cass County	\$44,850	\$45,000	
Chisago County	\$60,000	\$79,000	
Crow Wing County		\$18,000	
Dodge County		\$88,777	
Douglas County			\$70,000
Faribault County			\$33,085
Freeborn County		\$52,000	
Lyon County	\$2,050		
McLeod County		\$22,380	
Meeker County		\$340,000	
Mower County	\$34,125		
Murray County		\$180,000	
Pipestone County		\$95,082	
Rice County		\$30,000	
Wadena County			
Washington County	\$25,000		\$25,000
<b>Total for FY 2010</b>	<b>\$333,025</b>	<b>\$950,239</b>	<b>\$154,085</b>

**SSTS Inventory Grants in FY 2011 (19 counties)**

<b>FY11 Applicants</b>	<b>MPCA Inventory Amount Awarded FY11</b>	<b>BWSR Low Income Fix Up Awarded</b>	<b>BWSR Enhancement Funds - Inventory</b>
Beltrami County		\$6,400	
Big Stone County		\$30,000	
Cass County	\$15,750	\$45,000	\$12,400
Chippewa County		\$7,795	
Chisago County		\$47,368	
Cook County		\$40,000	
Dodge County		\$45,513	
Jackson County		\$45,900	
Lake County		\$84,000	
Lake of the Woods Co.		\$113,158	
LeSueur County	\$343,600		
Martin County		\$431,210	
Meeker County		\$54,344	
Mille Lacs County		\$47,959	
Pipestone County		\$47,368	
Rice County		\$18,947	
Scott County		\$40,095	
Stearns County		\$420,285	
Todd County			\$92,900
<b>FY 2011 Total</b>	<b>\$359,350</b>	<b>\$1,525,342</b>	<b>\$105,300</b>

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