

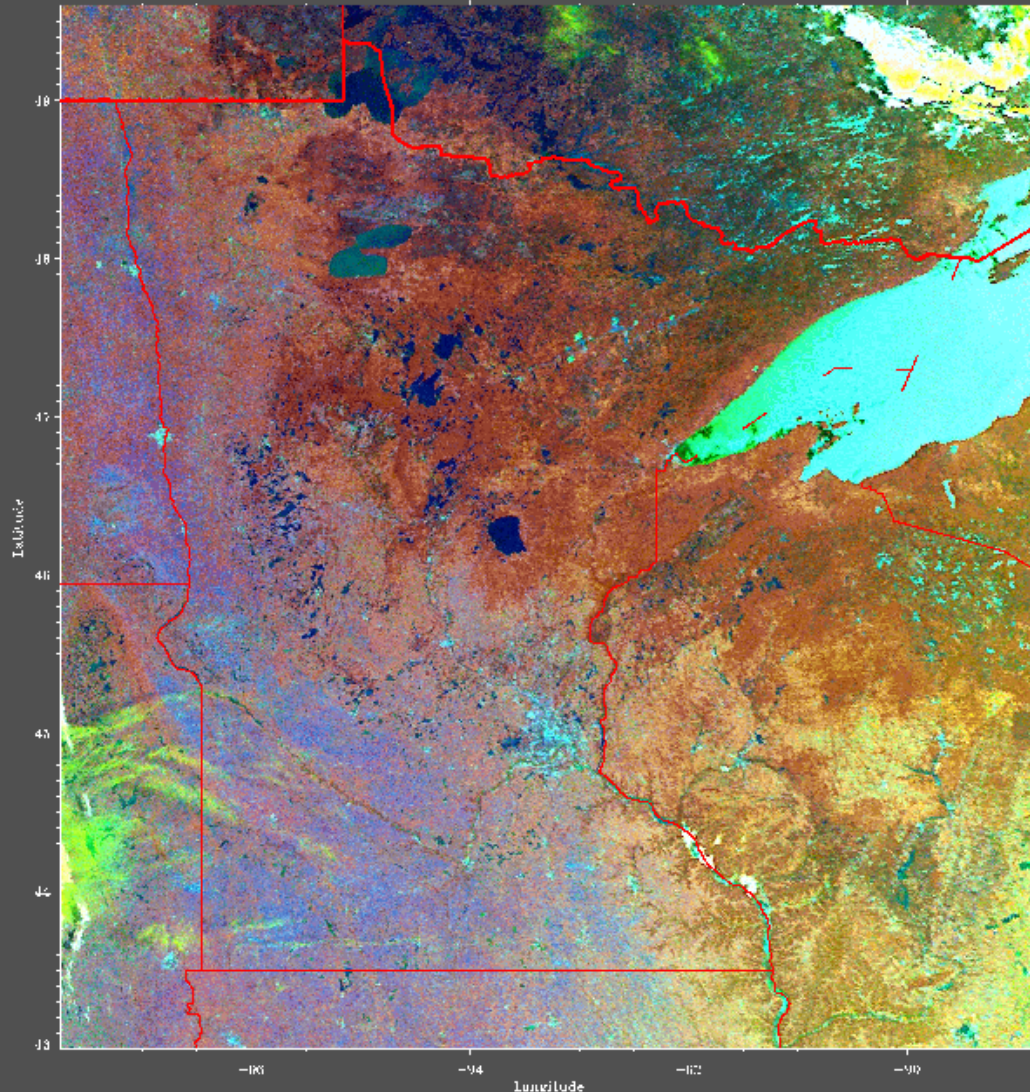
# The State We're In: Ground-Water Contamination in Minnesota

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**... and it's a Good Thing!**



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# Ground-Water Contamination: Where We've Been in 10-15 Years



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# What Changed?



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# The High Cost of Cleanup



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# A Resurgence of Ground-Water Effort



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# Focus on Surface Waters – but We Know It's All Connected



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# MGWA's Six Major Concerns

(from November 2000 Conference)

- Emerging ground-water contaminants
- Nitrate in ground water
- Sustainable ground-water supply
- Stable funding for ground-water programs
- Education
- Agency coordination



# Emerging (and Natural) Ground-Water Contaminants



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# Nitrate in Ground Water



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# Sustainable Ground-Water Supply



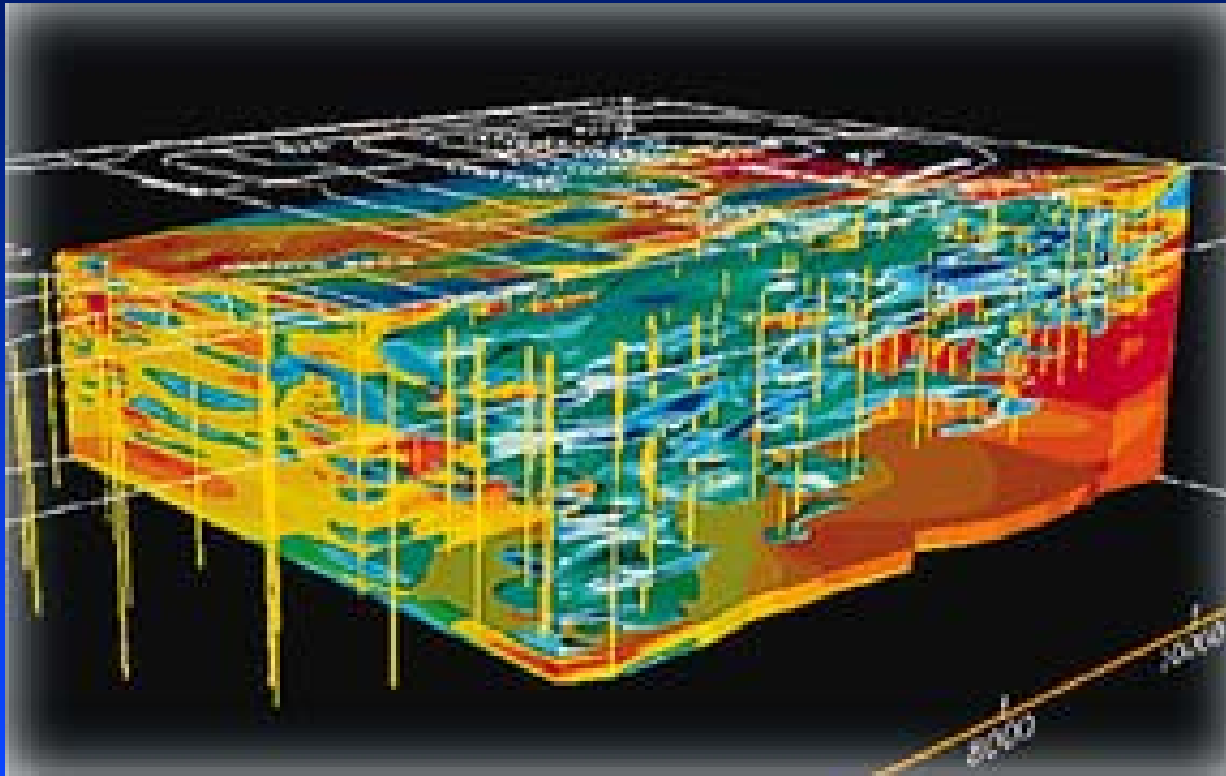
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# Stormwater and Recharge



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# Stable Funding for Ground Water



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# Ground-Water Education



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# Ground-Water Coordination



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# Elements of Agreement



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# Other Issues



**PROTECT WATER for LIFE**

clean rivers **volunteer** monitor  
 quality read the label springs  
 be informed local watershed  
 protect drinking water prevent  
 lakes public health **be observant**  
 faucet clean up surface water  
 environment  
**conserve**  
 groundw  
 monitor **recycle**  
 fountain emergency  
 be involved security planning  
 source water protection aquifers  
 education **don't contaminate**

www.epa.gov/safewater  
 safe drinking water hotline  
 1-800-426-4791

# Ground Water is in a Good State



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# Read More about Ground Water in Our Next Issue

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