



STATE OF MINNESOTA

Office of Governor Mark Dayton

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January 26, 2016

Susan Thornton, Director
Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources
100 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.
State Office Building, Room 65
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Ms. Thornton,

I am approving the request of the Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCCMR) for the expenditure of \$164,000 from the LCCMR Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Emerging Issues Account, M.L. 2015, Chp. 76, Sec. 2, Subd. 10, for two initiatives to begin to address the harmful algae blooms issue in Minnesota lakes.

The expenditure will provide \$93,000 to the Science Museum of Minnesota St. Croix Watershed Research Station, and \$71,000 to the University of Minnesota St. Anthony Falls Laboratory to begin two research initiatives in winter/spring 2016 to address the occurrence of harmful algae blooms in Minnesota lakes and better understand the causes, possible prevention, and potential mitigation of the negative effects.

Funding from the Emerging Issues Account will enable the research to start at the beginning of the 2016 field season prior to the availability of the remainder of the funding proposed in 2016 legislation that would be available July 2016.

This funding is approved according to M.S. 116P.08, subdivision 4, paragraph (d), which states:

“The commission may recommend the establishment of an annual emerging issues account in its annual legislative bill for funding emerging issues, which come up unexpectedly, but which still adhere to the commission's strategic plan, to be approved by the governor after initiation and recommendation by the commission.”

Please work with staff at Minnesota Management and Budget for transfer of these funds.

Sincerely,
A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Mark Dayton".

Mark Dayton
Governor