



## VOTE FOR A HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT THIS FALL

### *The stakes are incredibly high in the elections this November.*

The disaster in the Gulf of Mexico shows what can happen when you combine Big Oil companies' flagrant disregard for environmental laws with Americans' addiction to oil. The U.S. Senate's failure to approve climate change legislation, even in the face of the hottest summer on record in the US, means millions of green jobs may now go to China instead of developing in the U.S. Two million people in Boston were left without safe drinking water for days because of crumbling pipes that need to be brought into the 21st Century. And researchers have documented increasingly clear connections between serious health problems and exposure to environmental pollutants and toxic chemicals in consumer products used by people every day.



Strong leadership in Washington and in St. Paul could fix these problems. But big companies, particularly Big Oil companies, are spending billions of dollars to make sure that doesn't happen. They are buying ads in the media every day and bankrolling candidates who will further weaken protections for clean air and clean water. If they have their way, our food, our drinking water and even the air we breathe will continue to make us, and our children, sick.

The candidates we select this November will have a lasting impression on the direction Minnesota and the nation will take to protect our environment and our health. You can help send a message to Big Oil and to Washington and our state capitol. Clean Water Action has reviewed the records and the positions of the candidates from all the parties running for office.

There are candidates out there who understand that protecting our air and water means protecting people's health and livelihoods, and that a clean water-clean energy future will create good jobs here in Minnesota and across the U.S. These are the candidates who have earned Clean Water Action's endorsement. Many of them are true environmental champions. All of them deserve your support, and Clean Water Action is working hard to get them elected, knocking on doors and talking with thousands of voters like you every day.

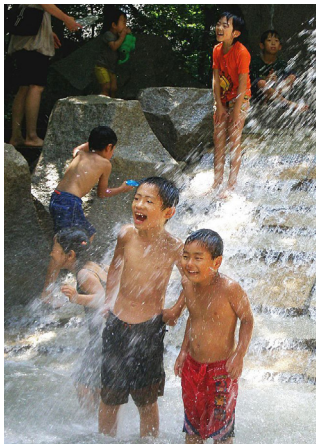
*Now we need your help. On November 2, vote for the candidates who will protect our health and help grow new green jobs. Help elect candidates who will take the lead in reducing our dependence on foreign oil, creating new clean energy jobs, and making sure that our food, water and household products don't make us sick. Vote for a healthy environment and a greener economy!*

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# MINNESOTA: CRITICAL ISSUES

## Protecting America's Water and Wetlands

Minnesotans have played a key role in building support for U.S. Rep. Jim Oberstar's America's Commitment to Clean Water Act (ACCWA, HR 5088). The measure would restore Clean Water Act protections for all waters and wetlands as was originally intended by the 1972 law. Polluter-friendly court decisions and administrative actions under the Bush



White House weakened the law, placing drinking water for millions of Americans at risk from pollution, depletion and development. Although the bill remains stalled in Congress at present, Clean Water Action continues to make the case for action.

In an August 25 article in the Duluth *Tribune*, Clean Water Action's Darrell Gerber wrote,

"The future of our communities rides on our water resources. We have the power to choose whether our waters will get cleaner or dirtier." Read the full article [here](#) on the Clean Water Action web site.

## Great Lakes Protection and Restoration

Congress is expected to take action on the Great Lakes Ecosystem Protection Act (GLEPA, H.R. 4755, S. 3073), cosponsored by Sens. Franken and Klobuchar, later this year. The bill authorizes \$3.9 billion in protection and restoration funding, including \$475 million per year for the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative and an increase from \$50 million to \$150 million per year for the Great Lakes Legacy Act for toxic sediment cleanups.

Clean Water Action and allies have been active pressing negotiators for the U.S.-Canada Great Lakes Water Quality Agreement to provide more transparency and opportunity for public input. Negotiations will continue in 2011.

Meanwhile, increasing public and official attention are turning to the imminent invasion of Asian Carp in the Great Lakes. The White House Council on Environmental Quality recently named, John Goss, formerly of the Indiana Wildlife Federation as its Asian Carp Director, reflecting the situation's seriousness. Minnesota recently joined other states in the region seeking to block movement of the invasive species through the Chicago Sanitary and Ship Channel. Clean Water Action is active and engaged on the issue across the region.

## Preventing Toxic Exposures

Clean Water Action's campaign to protect Minnesotans' health, and communities' air, land water and food from toxic chemical exposures expanded to the federal level recently. On July 22, long-overdue Toxic Substances Control Act reforms were introduced in the U.S. House. A similar measure was introduced earlier in the U.S. Senate.

While these pending federal reforms will play an important role, Clean Water Action is not waiting for Congress to act. Children, who are very vulnerable to health effects from toxic chemical exposure, need immediate protection from harmful chemicals found in children's products. Clean Water Action will continue efforts to make Minnesota a national leader on this issue by supporting protective state policies in the next legislative session.

## "Clean Construction" to Reduce Diesel Pollution

Federal money should not be used in ways that make communities sick. Clean Water Action and Clean Water Fund, together with the Clean Air Task Force are promoting policies that would require construction projects that receive federal funding to upgrade their off-road fleets of excavating and materials moving equipment to meet more health-protective emission standards. The groups believe these "clean construction" changes should be built into the next Federal Transportation Bill.

A recent Duluth meeting organized by Clean Water Action with U.S. Rep. Jim Oberstar, who chairs the powerful Transportation and Infrastructure Committee laid a solid foundation for this innovative and much needed policy change. Other participants included federal officials, Duluth-area heavy equipment distributors, and pollution control equipment manufacturers. Minnesota's Congressional delegation needs to hear from Clean Water Action members who support "clean construction" measures as part of the Federal Transportation Bill.



"Clean Construction" would eliminate toxic diesel clouds like these.

## KEY RACES

*The Presidential race and 2008 elections were an exciting time. Environmentally-concerned Minnesotans swarmed to the polls to vote for change and a new direction away from the Bush-era policies. As important as that election was, the 2010 elections are just as essential for Minnesota's future. On November 2, Minnesota's voters will elect a new Governor, eight members to Congress and all 201 state legislators.*

*The winning candidates will have a lasting impression on the direction Minnesota will take to protect our environment and our health. After suffering through eight years under a Pawlenty Administration that backed out of one environmental promise after another, voters have a chance to elect a new Governor whose administration will be able to deliver needed clean water protections for Minnesota's rivers, lakes and streams. Minnesota's new Governor will be in a position to guide and sign into law new legislation. The new Governor will also have the power to appoint new state agency commissioners, positions that wield great power for environmental benefit or pro-polluter mischief. The Pollution Control Agency, Department of Natural Resources, Department of Agriculture and Department of Health are just a few of the state agencies whose decisions will impact our clean air, clean water and our communities' health. We need state agency leaders who will hold polluters accountable and will make environmental and health protection a priority.*

Every two years Clean Water Action interviews and endorses candidates running for elected office who have a strong commitment to environmental issues and who have the potential to be champions in government for environmental protection and public health. This year Clean Water Action invited all candidates to seek our endorsement. Upon completing our screening process, Clean Water Action selected the candidates we believe are best qualified to lead the way in protecting Minnesota's environment. Clean Water Action has endorsed Mark Dayton for Governor, five candidates for Congress and 113 candidates for the state legislature. You can find a complete list of our endorsements on the Clean Water Action web site [www.cleanwateraction.org/mn/endorsements\\_2010](http://www.cleanwateraction.org/mn/endorsements_2010).

*Although every race is important, here are Clean Water Action's highest priorities for 2010:*

**Mark Dayton.** Clean Water Action has endorsed Mark Dayton for Governor based on his life-long devotion to public service and stewardship for our environment. As a U.S. Senator from 2001-2006, Dayton supported efforts to limit the amount of mercury and other pollutants emitted from coal and gas-fired electric generation plants. Dayton also pushed the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency to take action and clean up mercury polluted waters. Mercury is a known toxic pollutant of lakes and rivers in Minnesota and throughout the U.S. He voted against continued reliance on dirty fossil fuels and advocated for clean, sustainable energy choices. Mark Dayton has also been a champion to protect vulnerable populations from toxic pollution. He was a co-sponsor of legislation to address the impacts of environmental hazards in poor communities and improve environmental quality for all.



The difference between Mark Dayton and his Republican opponent, State Representative Tom Emmer, is striking. As a member of the Minnesota House of Representatives, Emmer voted repeated against environmental and health protection measures: against the 2007 Renewable Energy

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Standard, and against the 2008 Clean Water Land and Legacy Amendment bill, which was overwhelmingly approved by a majority of Minnesotans. Emmer also was one of only five House members to vote against 2009 legislation banning the toxic chemical, Bisphenol-A (BPA), from baby bottles and sippy cups sold in Minnesota.



**Tarryl Clark.** Clean Water Action has endorsed Tarryl Clark for U.S. Congress in the 6th District (northern Twin Cities suburbs, stretching from St. Cloud to Stillwater) against the incumbent, Michelle Bachmann. Tarryl Clark has a proven track record of supporting environmental

initiatives, earning a 100% Clean Water Action Scorecard record since being elected to the Minnesota Senate in 2005. Clark promoted local, clean energy and Renewable Energy Standard, championed legislation to remove toxic chemicals from children's products and supported protection for valuable groundwater resources. Michelle Bachmann, on the other hand, has been an environmental villain. Bachmann has repeatedly called for increasing offshore oil drilling and drilling the Arctic, she has supported building more coal plants and voted against a bill to extend residential energy efficiency tax credits.



**Sandy Rummel.** Sandy Rummel for Minnesota Senate in District 53 (White Bear Lake, Shoreview, Lino Lakes). Sandy Rummel has been an environmental champion in the Minnesota Senate and was the chief author of the 2009 legislation to ban Bisphenol-A (BPA) from baby bottles

and sippy cups. We encourage our members to vote for Sandy Rummel so she can continue her work to protect children from toxic chemicals. Sandy Rummel's challenger, Roger Chamberlain, opposes these types of children's environmental health protections.



**Paul Meunier.** Paul Meunier for Minnesota Senate in District 49 (Coon Rapids, Ham Lake). As Mayor of Ham Lake since 2007, Paul Meunier fought to protect precious groundwater resources from polluters and will bring that same commitment to the state-level. Meunier is running for the open

seat formerly held by Debbie Johnson.

**Paul Gardner.** Paul Gardner for the Minnesota House of Representatives in District 53A (Shoreview, Lino Lakes). Paul Gardner has been a solid environmental champion in the Minnesota House since 2006. Gardner authored legislation to prevent pharmaceuticals from ending up in drinking water and



reducing dangerous waste out of landfills. Gardner faces a challenge from Linda Runbeck, a former State Senator with a track record of opposing environmental legislation.



**Kevin Staunton.** Kevin Staunton for the Minnesota House of Representatives in District 41A (Edina). Kevin Staunton will fight to keep children from being exposed to toxic chemicals in commercial products. Staunton hopes to unseat incumbent Keith Downey, who voted against the

2009 Toxic Free Kids Act which requires the Department of Health to compile a list of the most toxic chemicals found in children's products.

*For a full list of endorsements, please see our "clip/print and carry" endorsement list on page 5.*



# CLEAN WATER ACTION ENDORSEMENTS

## GOVERNOR:

### Mark Dayton

Former U.S. Sen. Mark Dayton is the clear choice for Governor. His long leadership on protecting health and preventing toxic pollution contrast sharply with his opponent's anti-environmental record in the Minnesota House.

## U.S. HOUSE:

### Tarryl Clark (CD 6)

Incumbent Rep. Michelle Bachman's anti-environmental voting record and extreme positions place her far outside the mainstream. Minnesotans who care about clean air, clean water and healthy communities could not make a better choice than to replace her with challenger Tarryl Clark. As a State Senator, Clark championed clean, renewable energy and protection for the state's groundwater resources, and worked tirelessly to prevent children from being harmed by toxics.

## STATE SENATE:

### Sandy Rummel (CD 53)

State Sen. Sandy Rummel led efforts to ban the toxic plasticizer, Bisphenol A (BPA), from children's products. By voting for her reelection, 52rd District residents (White Bear Lake, Shoreview, Lino Lakes) can help ensure continued progress on children's environmental health protection.

### Paul Meunier (CD 49)

Ham Lake's Mayor Paul Meunier, a strong leader on groundwater protection, offers 49th District voters (Coon Rapids, Ham Lake) the opportunity to send his clean water perspective and experience to the State Senate.

## STATE HOUSE:

### Paul Gardner (CD 53A)

In the Minnesota Legislature, State Rep. Paul Gardner has worked to protect drinking water and to keep toxics out of the state's landfills. Shoreview and Lino Lakes residents (District 53A) can ensure his continued leadership on these and other critical environmental issues by supporting his reelection and turning away his anti-environmental challenger.

### Kevin Staunton (CD 41A)

For Edina voters (District 41A), promising challenger Kevin Staunton offers a solid pro-environment alternative to incumbent Rep. Keith Downey, who opposed the 2009 Toxic Free Kids Act to protect children from harmful ingredients in consumer products.

## U.S. HOUSE:

Tim Walz (CD 1)  
Shelley Madore (CD 2)  
Jim Meffert (CD 3)

## STATE SENATE:

Mary Olson (4 - Bemidji)  
Roger Reinert (7 - Duluth)  
Jim Thoreen (11 - Alexandria)  
Taylor Stevenson (12 - Brainerd, Little Falls)  
Bruce Hentges (15 - St. Cloud)  
Lisa Fobbe (16 - Milaca, Zimmerman)  
Rick Olseen (17 - Cambridge, North Branch)  
Kathy Sheran (23 - Mankato, St. Peter)  
Kevin Dahle (25 - Northfield, Le Center)  
John Howe (28 - Red Wing, Wabasha)  
Sharon Erickson Ropes (31 - Winona, Preston)  
Laura Helmer (34 - Chaska, Waconia)  
Mike Germain (37 - Apple Valley, Rosemount)  
Jim Carlson (38 - Eagan)  
John Doll (40 - Burnsville, Bloomington)  
Steve Elkins (41 - Edina, Bloomington)  
Ron Case (42 - Eden Prairie)  
Terri Bonoff (43 - Plymouth, Minnetonka)  
Ron Latz (44 - St. Louis Park)

## STATE HOUSE:

Bernie Leider (1B - Crookston)  
John Persell (4A - Bemidji)  
Meg Bye (4B - Jenkins)  
Mary Murphy (6B - Hermantown)  
Kerry Gauthier (7B - Duluth)  
Bill Hilty (8A - Finlayson)  
Greg Lemke (9A - Moorhead)  
Richard Kagan (10A - Fergus Falls)  
Amy Hunter (11B - Long Prairie)  
John Ward (12A - Brainerd)  
Gail Kulick Jackson (16A - Milaca)  
Jim Godfrey (17A - Cambridge)  
Cindy Erickson (17B - North Branch)  
Andrew Falk (20A - Murdock)  
Terry Morrow (23A - St. Peter)  
Kathy Brynaert (23B - Mankato)  
Mick McGuire (25A - Le Sueur)  
David Bly (25B - Northfield)  
Kory Kath (26A - Owatonna)  
Patti Fritz (26B - Faribault)  
Robin Brown (27A - Albert Lea)  
Kim Norton (29B - Rochester)  
Mark Schneider (28B - Zumbrota)  
Tina Liebling (30A - Rochester)  
Gene Pelowski (31A - Winona)  
Steve Kemp (31B - Preston, Le Crescent)  
Katie Rodriguez (32B - Maple Grove)  
Kim Kang (33B - Orono)  
Leanne Kunze (34A - Waconia)  
Colin Lee (36A - Lakeville)  
Tom Rees (35B - Savage, Jordan)  
Derrick Lindstrom (37A - Apple Valley)  
Phil Sterner (37B - Rosemount)  
Sandra Masin (38A - Eagan)  
Mike Obermueller (38B - Eagan)  
Rick Hansen (39A - Mendota Heights, W. St. Paul)  
Will Morgan (40A - Burnsville)  
Ann Lenczewski (40B - Bloomington)

Betty McCollum (CD 4)  
Keith Ellison (CD 5)  
Tarryl Clark (CD 6)  
Jim Oberstar (CD 8)

Ann Rest (45 - New Hope, Robbinsdale)  
Leo Foley (47 - Brooklyn Park, Champlin)  
Peter Perovich (48 - Ramsey, East Bethel)  
Paul Meunier (49 - Coon Rapids, Ham Lake)  
Don Betzold (51 - Blaine, Fridley)  
Becky Siekmeier (52 - Stillwater, Forest Lake)  
Sandy Rummel (53 - White Bear Lake, Lino Lakes)  
John Marty (54 - Roseville, Vadnais Heights)  
Chuck Wiger (55 - Maplewood, Oakdale)  
Kathy Saltzman (56 - Woodbury, Lake Elmo)  
Katie Sieben (57 - Cottage Grove, Hastings)  
Linda Higgins (58 - north Minneapolis)  
Larry Pogemiller (59 - northeast Minneapolis)  
Scott Dibble (60 - southwest Minneapolis)  
Linda Berglin (61 - south Minneapolis)  
Patricia Torres Ray (62 - southeast Minneapolis)  
Ken Kelash (63 - Richfield, Bloomington)  
Ellen Anderson (66 - NE St. Paul, Falcon Heights)

Kevin Staunton (41A - Edina)  
Paul Rosenthal (41B - Edina, Bloomington)  
Maria Ruud (42A - Minnetonka)  
Audrey Britton (43A - Plymouth)  
John Benson (43B - Minnetonka)  
Steve Simon (44A - St. Louis Park)  
Sandra Peterson (45A - New Hope)  
Lyndon Carlson (45B - Robbinsdale)  
Debra Hilstrom (46B - Brooklyn Center)  
Denise Dittrich (47A - Champlin)  
Melissa Hortman (47B - Brooklyn Park)  
Jim Abeler (48A - Anoka)  
Jerry Newton (49B - Coon Rapids)  
Carolyn Laine (50A - Columbia Heights)  
Kate Knuth (50B - New Brighton)  
Tom Tillberry (51B - Fridley)  
Paul Gardner (53A Shoreview, Lino Lakes)  
Chris Knopf (53B - White Bear Lake)  
Mindy Greiling (54A - Roseville)  
Bev Scalze (54B - Vadnais Heights)  
Nora Slawik (55B - Maplewood)  
Julie Bunn (56A - Lake Elmo, Woodbury)  
Jen Peterson (57A - Cottage Grove)  
Joe Mullery (58A - north Minneapolis)  
Diane Loeffler (59A - northeast Minneapolis)  
Phyllis Kahn (59B - northeast Minneapolis)  
Marion Greene (60A - downtown Minneapolis)  
Frank Hornstein (60B - southwest Minneapolis)  
Karen Clark (61A - south Minneapolis)  
Jeff Hayden (61B - south Minneapolis)  
Jim Davnie (62A - east Minneapolis)  
Jean Wagenius (62B - southeast Minneapolis)  
Paul Thissen (63A - Richfield)  
Linda Slocum (63B - Bloomington)  
Erin Murphy (64A - west St. Paul)  
Michael Paymar (64B - southwest St. Paul)  
Alice Hausman (66B - Falcon Heights)  
Sheldon Johnson (67B - east St. Paul)

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