

# Groups attack dioxin studies, ask MPCA to revoke permits

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Four environmental groups urged the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Thursday to revoke permits that they contend were based on fraudulent studies of dioxin, a toxic chemical waste, by two major chemical manufacturers.

The MPCA permits allow the export of large quantities of dioxin-contaminated waste to the state's landfills. The groups contend that the studies could be creating dioxin, which they charged that the industry studies were manipulated to create the illusion of no connection between dioxin exposure to dioxin

and adverse health effects.

The studies, were conducted at a site near the MPCA's St. Louis and St. Paul City of New Jersey.

MPCA Commissioner David Wilson said the environmental groups' charges that the agency's studies were fraudulent were "unfounded." He said the MPCA has been "by far the most accurate" in the world.

However, Wilson said the MPCA has not used the industry studies in its permitting process. He said it relies on its own studies, which are conducted by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the

state's health and safety departments.

The groups asked for a preliminary hearing on the permits. They said that the studies were fraudulent and that the agency's studies were manipulated to create the illusion of no connection between dioxin exposure to dioxin

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groups to Minnesota. The Dakota County group was formed to fight the agency's permit to build a large incinerator, and the Chicago group was formed recently in Chicago to fight the agency's permit to build a large incinerator.

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