



## **FACTS ON**

**U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY REGION FIVE**  
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### **The Minnesota-Wisconsin District Office**

The Minnesota-Wisconsin District Office serves as Region V's representative for water pollution control in the states of Minnesota and Wisconsin.

The staff, consisting of engineers, chemists, biologists, pesticides inspector and other resource experts, assists the regional program by on-the-scene action.

Industrial and municipal waste surveys are conducted along with river studies. The basic programs of the office are the Refuse Act Permit Program, water quality standards compliance determinations, oil and other hazardous materials spills notification, response and prevention.

Detailed knowledge of the local water quality situation enables the District Office to provide better assistance to the state and local agencies as well as providing Region V with a better developed overall regional program.

The District Office laboratory provides analytical support and scientific assistance to the Federal and State water pollution control programs.

The Office monitors both industrial and municipal dischargers in the two states within its jurisdiction in order to determine discharge characteristics and the effect on receiving waters.

Records of both industrial and municipal dischargers are reviewed for compliance with implementation schedules.

Results of monitoring activities are reported to the Regional Office to be used to define abatement needs and to support enforcement action, if necessary.

The District Office serves as a focal point for the dissemination of environmental information to interested groups in Minnesota and Wisconsin. Staff members distribute EPA publications, make public appearances before environmental, institutional, and civic groups regarding environmental problems and EPA efforts to correct these problems.

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When spills of oil or other hazardous materials are reported, the office responds, acting as on-scene commander in cooperation with the states on inland waters and as advisor on navigable waters where the U.S. Coast Guard is on-scene commander.

In addition, the Office serves as a contact with Federal, State and local agencies in the field of water pollution control.