The MPCA is responsible for monitoring the status and trends of our states water resources. Each summer the MPCA visits streams and wetlands throughout the state, and conducts water-quality surveys and biological assessments. Sampling takes place in all corners of the state, from remote areas in the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness to the prairies of western Minnesota.

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To apply, or find out more visit: http://mn.gov/mmb/careers (search Pollution Control Agency)

For more about the Biological Monitoring Program visit: http://www.pca.state.mn.us/water

Check out our YouTube video https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=V6wGhSL_Fxg
Does the idea of doing environmental monitoring appeal to you?

Does spending a summer working outdoors sound fun?

Have you taken coursework preparing you for a career in the environmental sciences or natural resources?

If you can answer “yes” to any of these questions then you might be interested in a paid summer seasonal position with the Biological Monitoring Unit of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

How can this seasonal position help you?

Monitoring is an integral part of understanding the quality of our surface waters. This seasonal position will provide you with a solid foundation in monitoring and assessment techniques being used throughout the United States. Some of the methods you will be exposed to include:

- Fish collection and identification using electro-fishing equipment
- Macrinovertebrate collection
- Plant surveys
- Basic water-chemistry sampling techniques
- Physical habitat assessment
- GPS navigation

What is required to be eligible for a summer seasonal position?

- Enrollment in an accredited college or university through the fall semester or a recent graduate
- The ability to travel for up to three nights per week throughout the summer
- Capable of moderate physical exertion
- Able to carry up to 50 lbs. of sampling equipment
- The ability to work well within a team setting
- A positive attitude