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NOTICE OF NEWS CONFERENCE:

Policy Deadline Leaves “Laundry List” of Bad Bills That Threaten Minnesota’s Air, Land and Water

WHO:

- Steve Morse, Minnesota Environmental Partnership
- Citizen for Water - Lynn Moratzka, former city council member from Hastings, MN
- Citizen for a Clean Energy Future – Shawn Dooling, CEO, Renewable Energy SD, Excelsior, MN
- Citizen for Community Rights – Alan Perish, retired dairy farmer from Todd County, MN, northwest of St. Cloud

WHAT: Minnesota citizens and members of the Minnesota Environmental Partnership, the statewide coalition of 80 conservation and environmental organizations, will call for the end of the assault on Minnesota’s Great Outdoors and Clean Energy Future.

WHEN: 11 a.m., Monday, May 9, 2011

WHERE: Room 125
State Capitol Building

WHY: As of Friday, May 6, the legislature’s deadline for committee action on policy legislation, more than 30 bills have been approved by at least one committee that threaten to rollback 40 years of environmental protections for Minnesota’s lakes, rivers and streams; parks and trails; and natural areas.

WHAT ELSE? MEP will “air the dirty legislation” that threatens Minnesota’s Great Outdoors. These bills threaten to unravel Minnesota’s protections for wild rice, Lake Pepin, the Mississippi River, Minnesota’s Clean Energy Future, and much more.

For more information on MEP’s priority issues, go to www.Protect.MN or www.MEPartnership.org.

Minnesota Environmental Partnership is a statewide coalition of more than 80 nonprofit conservation and environmental organizations, representing more than 500,000 Minnesotans. Formed in 1998, MEP works with its member organizations to protect and restore Minnesota’s lakes, rivers, streams, forests, wildlife habitat and natural areas.