DRINKING WATER PROTECTION SECTION ORGANIZATIONAL CHART

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Drinking Water Protection Section
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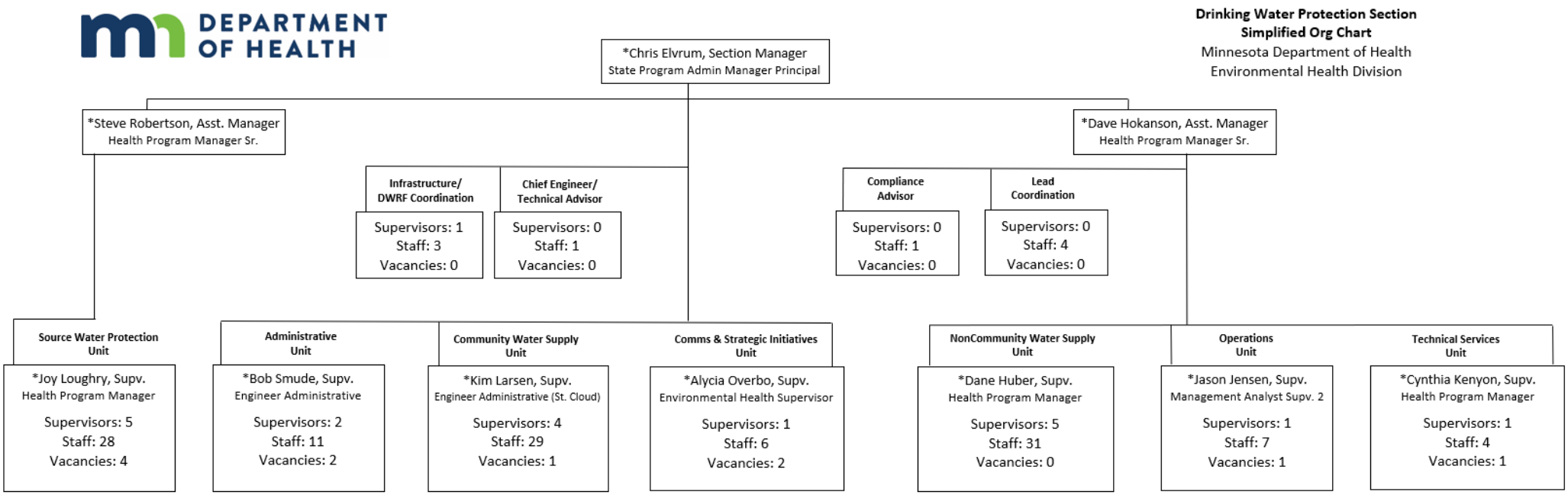

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Drinking Water Protection Section

*Chris Elvrum, Section Manager
State Program Admin Manager Principal

Source & Ground Water Protection / Hydrology Analysis

* Steve Robertson, Asst. Manager
Health Program Manager Sr.

Infrastructure/ DWRF Coordination

* Todd Johnson
Engineer Administrative (Bemidji)

Jessie Kolar
Engineer Senior
Corey Mathisen
Engineer Principal
Sara Mollamohammada
Engineer Grad. 2

Chief Engineer/ Technical Advisor

Karla Peterson
Engineer Administrative

Program Operations / SDWA Implementation

*Dave Hokanson, Asst. Manager
Health Program Manager Sr.

Compliance Advisor

Rochelle Steinbruckner
State Program Admin Coordinator

Lead Coordination

Anna Schliep
State Program Admin Coordinator
Caroline Olstad
State Program Admin Sr
Cate Stacy
Student Worker Para-Prof Sr
Becca Strauss
State Program Admin

Source Water Protection Unit

*Joy Loughry, Supv.
Health Program Manager

SWP Compliance Lead
Trudi Witkowski
State Prog. Admin Principal

WHP Hydrologists
*John Woodside
Hydrologist Supv.
Nick Budde
Hydrologist 3
Yarta Clemens-Billaigbakpu
Hydrologist 3
Allison Friello
Hydrologist 3
Rachel Lindgren
Hydrologist 2
Anneka Munsell
Hydrologist 3
Luke Pickman
Hydrologist 3
VACANCY
Hydrologist 2/3

North Region Planners
Bemidji
*Jenilynn Marchand
Planning Program Supv.
Crystal Mathisrud
Planner Principal State
Duluth
Cindy Hakala
Planner Principal State
Fergus Falls
Dan Disrud
Planner Principal State
St. Cloud
Chad Anderson
Planner Principal State

South Region Planners
Rochester
*Scott Hanson
Planning Program Supv.
Marshall
Amanda Strommer
Planner Principal State
St. Paul
Vacancy
Planner Principal State
Vacancy
Planner Principal State

Aquifer Analysis & Watershed Planning
St. Cloud
*Mark Wettlaufer
Environmental Health Supv.
Annie Felix
Environmental Specialist 4
St. Paul
TJ (Trent) Farnum
Research Scientist 3
Danielle Luzinski
Hydrologist 3
Rebecca Neal
Hydrologist 2
John Oswald
Research Scientist 3
Pratik Poudel
Hydrologist 2
Carrie Raber
Planning Director State
Dereck Richter
State Prog Admin Coordinator

Monitoring, Analysis, Data
*Jane de Lambert
Environmental Health Supv.
Mary Coburn
Environmental Consultant
Kylie Galowitz
Student Worker Para
Maya Gilchrist
Hydrologist 3
Arianna Giorgi
Environmental Specialist 3
Shelby Kassuelke
Hydrologist 2
Henry Kling
Student Worker Para
Michael Park
Hydrologist 2
Kira Silvers
Environmental Specialist 4
VACANCY
Env Research Scientist

Administrative Unit

*Bob Smude, Supv.
Engineer Administrative

Compliance/Grants
Erin Harris
Grants Specialist Sr.
Anita Smith
Management Analyst 4
Sabrina Sutter
Management Analyst 4
Eddie Wojski
Grants Specialist Sr.
Education/Training
Sue Lang
Management Analyst 3

Engineering & Plan Review
*Anita Anderson
Engineer Principal, Supv.
David Weum
Engineer Principal
Dylan Heise
Engineer Grad. 2
Jack Smude
Engineering Aide
VACANCY
Engineering Grad 1/2
VACANCY
Engineer Senior
NPWS Engineering & Technical Assistance
Duluth
Nate Karp
Engineer Senior
Fergus Falls
Lucas Hoffman
Engineer Senior
St. Paul
John Galt
Engineer Senior

Comms & Strategic Initiatives Unit

*Alycia Overbo, Supv.
Environmental Health Supervisor

Alvine Laure Ekame
Planner Principal State
Johanna Hayden
Comm Specialist 3
Anu Li
Intern
Erin Niehoff
Planner Principal State
Krista Schaaf
Student Worker Para-Prof Sr
Rebecca Toews
Comm Specialist 3
VACANCY
Comm Specialist 2/3
VACANCY
Comm Specialist 2/3

Community Water Supply Unit

*Kim Larsen, Supv.
Engineer Administrative (St Cloud)

North Operations
*Benjamin Zwart
Engineer Principal, Supv.
Fergus Falls
Brady Krueger
Engineer Specialist Sr
Bemidji
Eric Weller
Engineer Grad. 2
Duluth
Jenny Showers
Engineer Grad. 2
St. Cloud
Hunter Blommer
Engineer Grad. 2
Collin Fetters
Engineer Grad. 2
St. Paul
Izzy Bergemann
Engineer Grad. 2
Brian Rivers
Engineer Grad. 2

South Operations
Mankato
*Amy Lynch
Engineer Principal, Supv.
Derek Krumwiede
Engineer Grad. 2
Mankato
Gus Molina
Engineer Grad. 2
Rochester
Seth Ledet
Engineer Senior
Kate Novy
Engineer Grad. 2
St. Paul
Andrew Karp
Engineer Senior
Lucas Martin
Engineer Principal
Brian Noma
Engineer Principal

Compliance
Dave Vaaler
State Prog. Admin Coordinator
Compliance Coordinator
Allison Dodge
State Prog Admin Sr.
Lucy Maghrak
State Prog Admin Int.
Micaileigh McBride
State Prog Admin Sr.
Stephanie Voeller
State Prog Admin Sr.
Field Technicians
Taylor Olson
Pollution Control Technician
VACANCY
Pollution Control Technician

Metro Operations
*Corey Larson
Engineer Principal, Supv.
Jackie Becker
State Prog Admin Sr.
Olivia Ebbers
State Prog Admin Int.
Indran Kamalanathan
Engineer Senior
Hannah Mendez
Engineer Grad. 2
Madeline Merck
Engineer Grad. 2
Haripriya Naidu
Engineer Grad. 2
David Rindal
Engineer Principal
Maria Spitael
Engineer Grad. 2
Sam Swanson
Engineer Grad. 2

NonCommunity Water Supply Unit

*Dane Huber, Supv.
Health Program Manager

North Operations
Duluth
*James Backstrom
Environmental Health Supv.

Delegation/Training
Kyle Johnsen
Planner Principal State

CEC Sanitarian
Brenda Eschenbacher
PH Sanitarian 3

Sanitarians
Duluth
VACANCY
PH Sanitarian 1
Kilen Klimek
PH Sanitarian 2
Cordell Manz
PH Sanitarian 3

Sanitarians
Bemidji
* Ty Riihiluoma
PH Sanitarian Supv.
Ed Aletto
PH Sanitarian 3
Scott Gullicksrud
PH Sanitarian 3
Steve Lindgren
PH Sanitarian 3
Josh Zellmann
PH Sanitarian 2
Ferus Falls
Jill DeBrito
PH Sanitarian 3
Mike Hargiss
PH Sanitarian 2
Tony Mariotti
PH Sanitarian 2

South Operations
St. Cloud
*Eric Freihammer
Environmental Health Supv.

Sanitarians
St. Cloud
Tasha Henrikson
PH Sanitarian 2
Ernie Jorgensen
PH Sanitarian 3
Kent Johnson
PH Sanitarian 3
Gretchen Kern
PH Sanitarian 2
Tyler Schacher
PH Sanitarian 2

Sanitarians
St. Paul
*VACANCY
PH Sanitarian Supv.
Kathryn Bradley
PH Sanitarian 2
Zeke Etukudo
PH Sanitarian 3
Mankato
Ryan Miller
PH Sanitarian 3
Dave Russell
PH Sanitarian 3
Marshall
Dave Distad
PH Sanitarian 2
PRO Staff
Joyce Hedlin
PH Sanitarian 3
Rochester
Tim Hugley
PH Sanitarian 3
Scott Jensen
PH Sanitarian 3

Compliance
Cody Bahr
State Prog. Admin Coordinator
Compliance Coordinator
Maya Grantier
PH Sanitarian 2
Bree Landherr
PH Sanitarian 3
Ashley Swenson
PH Sanitarian 3
Josh Wahlen
PH Sanitarian 2
Hannah Worley
PH Sanitarian 2

NPWS Advisor
*Miles Schacher
Health Program Manager

Operations Unit

*Jason Jensen, Supv.
Management Analyst Supv. 2

Brett Leske
Management Analyst 1
Lead Worker
Erin Culver
Management Analyst 1
Noel Hansen
State Program Admin Int.
Mary Johnson
OAS Sr.
Jaz Kelm
Management Analyst 1
Mary Kjella
OAS Int.
Mark Kluhsman
OAS Sr.
VACANCY
Management Analyst 1

Technical Services Unit

*Cynthia Kenyon, Supv.
Health Program Manager

Angie Kane
Management Analyst 4
Jessica Koblas
Management Analyst 2
Zena Fantaye
Management Analyst 2
Lindsey Butler
Student Worker Para Senior
VACANCY
Position Class TBD

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Drinking Water Protection Section Organizational Chart

This is the organizational chart for the Drinking Water Protection Section in the Environmental Health Division of the Minnesota Department of Health.

Manager's Office

*Chris Elvrum, State Program Admin Manager Principal, is the Section Manager. Reporting directly to him are two assistant section managers, three unit supervisors, one regional supervisor, and one staff.

*Dave Hokanson, Health Program Manager Senior, is an Assistant Section Manager. Reporting directly to him are three unit supervisors, and five staff.

*Steve Robertson, Health Program Manager Senior, is an Assistant Section Manager. Reporting directly to him are one unit supervisor, and two regional supervisors.

The section consists of seven units and 148 total staff.

Source Water Protection Unit

The first unit is the Source Water Protection Unit, comprised of 34 total staff including unit supervisor *Joy Loughry, Health Program Manager. Three regional supervisors and 1 direct staff report to Joy.

SWP Compliance Lead:

- Trudi Witkowski, State Program Admin Principal

Monitoring, Analysis, Data:

- *+Jane de Lambert, Environmental Health Supervisor
- Mary Coburn, Environmental Consultant
- Kylie Galowitz, Student Worker Para
- Maya Gilchrist, Hydrologist 3
- Arianna Giorgi, Environmental Specialist 3
- Shelby Kassuelke, Hydrologist 2
- Henry Kling, Student Worker Para
- Michael Park, Hydrologist 2

- Kira Silvers, Environmental Specialist 4
- Vacancy, Environmental Research Scientist

Aquifer Analysis & Watershed Planning:

- *+Mark Wettlaufer, Environmental Health Supervisor (St. Cloud)
- TJ (Trent) Farnum, Research Scientist 3
- Annie Felix, Environmental Specialist 4 (St. Cloud)
- Danielle Luzinski, Hydrologist 3
- Rebecca Neal, Hydrologist 2
- John Oswald, Research Scientist 3
- Pratik Poudel, Hydrologist 2
- Carrie Raber, Planning Director State
- Dereck Richter, State Program Administrator Coordinator

WHP (Wellhead Protection) Hydrologists:

- *John Woodside, Hydrologist Supervisor
- Nick Budde, Hydrologist 3
- Yarta Clemens-Billaigbakpu, Hydrologist 3
- Allison Freillo, Hydrologist 3
- Rachel Lindgren, Hydrologist 2
- Anneka Munsell, Hydrologist 3
- Luke Pickman, Hydrologist 3
- Vacancy, Hydrologist 2/3

North Region Planners:

- *Jenilynn Marchand, Planning Program Supervisor (Bemidji)
- Chad Anderson, Planner Principal State (St. Cloud)
- Dan Disrud, Planner Principal State (Fergus Falls)
- Cindy Hakala, Planner Principal State (Duluth)
- Crystal Mathisrud, Planner Principal State (Bemidji)

South Region Planners:

- *Scott Hanson, Planning Program Supervisor (Rochester)
- Amanda Strommer, Planner Principal State (Marshall)
- Vacancy, Planner Principal State

- Vacancy, Planner Principal State

Community Water Supply Unit

The second unit is the Community Water Supply Unit, comprised of 33 total staff including unit supervisor *Kim Larsen, Engineer Administrative. Three regional supervisors and 7 direct staff report to Kim.

St. Paul (regional)

- Dave Vaaler, State Program Admin Coordinator, Compliance Coordinator
- Allison Dodge, State Program Administrator Senior
- Lucy Maghrak, State Program Administrator Intermediate
- Micaileigh McBride, State Program Administrator Senior
- Taylor Olson, Pollution Control Technician
- Stephanie Voeller, State Program Administrator Senior
- Vacancy, Pollution Control Technician

North Operations

- *Benjamin Zwart, Engineer Principal Supervisor
- Izzy Bergemann, Engineer Graduate 2
- Hunter Blommer, Engineer Graduate 1 (St. Cloud)
- Collin Fetters, Engineer Graduate 2 (St. Cloud)
- Brady Krueger, Engineer Specialist Senior (Fergus Falls)
- Brain Rivers, Engineer Graduate 2
- Jennifer Showers, Engineer Graduate 2 (Duluth)
- Eric Weller, Engineer Graduate 2 (Bemidji)

South Operations

- *Amy Lynch, Engineer Principal Supervisor (Mankato)
- Andrew Karp, Engineer Senior
- Derek Krumwiede, Engineer Graduate 2 (Mankato)
- Seth Ledet, Engineer Senior (Rochester)
- Lucas Martin, Engineer Principal
- Gus Molina, Engineer Graduate 2 (Marshall)
- Brian Noma, Engineer Principal
- Kate Novy, Engineer Graduate 2 (Rochester)

Metro Operations

- *Corey Larson, Engineer Principal Supervisor
- Jackie Becker, State Program Administrator Senior
- Olivia Ebbers, State Program Administrator Intermediate
- Indran Kamalanathan, Engineer Senior
- Hannah Mendez, Engineer Graduate 2
- Madeline Merck, Engineer Graduate 2
- Haripriya Naidu, Engineer Graduate 2
- David Rindal, Engineer Principal
- Maria Spitael, Engineer Graduate 2
- Sam Swanson, Engineer Graduate 2

Noncommunity Water Supply Unit

The third unit is the Noncommunity Water Supply Unit, comprised of 35 total staff including unit supervisor *Dane Huber, Health Program Manager. Two regional supervisors and 6 direct staff report to Dane. *Miles Schacher, Health Program Manager, reports to Dave Hokanson as an advisor to the NPWS unit.

Compliance

- Cody Bahr, State Program Admin Coordinator, Compliance Coordinator
- Maya Grantier, Public Health Sanitarian 2
- Bree Landherr, Public Health Sanitarian 3
- Ashley Swenson, Public Health Sanitarian 3 (Mankato)
- Josh Wahlen, Public Health Sanitarian 2
- Hannah Worley, Public Health Sanitarian 2

North Operations Supervisor

- *James Backstrom, Environmental Health Supervisor (Duluth)

Delegation/Training

- Kyle Johnsen, Planner Principal State

CEC Sanitarian

- Brenda Eschenbacher, Public Health Sanitarian 3

Sanitarians

- Kilen Klimek, Public Health Sanitarian 2
- Cordell Manz, Public Health Sanitarian 3 (Duluth)
- Vacancy, Public Health Sanitarian 1/2 (Duluth)

Sanitarians

- *Ty Riihiluoma, Public Health Sanitarian Supervisor (Bemidji)
- Ed Aletto, Public Health Sanitarian 3 (Bemidji)
- Jill DeBrito, Public Health Sanitarian 3 (Fergus Falls)
- Scott Gullicksrud, Public Health Sanitarian 3 (Bemidji)
- Mike Hargiss, Public Health Sanitarian 2 (Fergus Falls)
- Steven Lindgren, Public Health Sanitarian 3 (Bemidji)
- Tony Mariotti, Public Health Sanitarian 2 (Fergus Falls)
- Josh Zellmann, Public Health Sanitarian 2 (Bemidji)

South Operations Supervisor

- *Eric Freihammer, Environmental Health Supervisor (St. Cloud)

Sanitarians

- Tasha Henrikson, Public Health Sanitarian 2 (St. Cloud)
- Kent Johnson, Public Health Sanitarian 3 (St. Cloud)
- Ernie Jorgensen, Public Health Sanitarian 3 (St. Cloud)
- Gretchen Kern, Public Health Sanitarian 2 (St. Cloud)
- Tyler Schacher, Public Health Sanitarian 2 (St. Cloud)

Sanitarians

- *Vacancy, Public Health Sanitarian Supervisor
- Kathryn Bradley, Public Health Sanitarian 2
- Dave Distad, Public Health Sanitarian 3 (Marshall)
- Zeke Etukudo, Public Health Sanitarian 3
- Joyce Hedlin, Public Health Sanitarian 3 (Marshall)
- Tim Hugley, Public Health Sanitarian 3 (Rochester)
- Scott Jensen, Public Health Sanitarian 3 (Rochester)
- Ryan Miller, Public Health Sanitarian 3 (Mankato)
- Dave Russell, Public Health Sanitarian 2 (Mankato)

Administrative Unit

The fourth unit is the Administrative Unit, comprised of 13 total staff including unit supervisor *Bob Smude, Engineer Administrative. One regional supervisor and 5 unit staff report directly to Bob.

Compliance/Grants:

- Erin Harris, Grants Specialist Senior
- Anita Smith, Management Analyst 4
- Sabrina Sutter, Management Analyst 4
- Eddie Wojski, Grants Specialist Senior

Education/Training:

- Sue Lang, Management Analyst 3

Engineering & Plan Review:

- *Anita Anderson, Engineer Principal (Duluth)
- David Weum, Engineer Principal
- Dylan Heise, Engineer Graduate 2
- Jack Smude, Engineering Aide
- Vacancy, Engineer Graduate 1/2
- Vacancy, Engineer Senior

NPWS Engineering & Technical Assistance:

- John Galt, Engineer Senior
- Lucas Hoffman, Engineer Senior (Fergus Falls)
- Nate Karp, Engineer Senior (Duluth)

Operations Unit

The fifth unit is the Operations Unit, comprised of 8 total staff including unit supervisor *Jason Jensen, Management Analyst Supervisor 2. All unit staff report directly to Jason.

St. Paul

- Brett Leske, Management Analyst 1, Lead Worker
- Erin Culver, Management Analyst 1
- Noel Hansen, State Program Administrator Intermediate
- Mary Johnson, Office & Administrative Specialist Senior
- Jaz Kelm, Management Analyst 1

- Mary Kjella, Office & Administrative Specialist Intermediate
- Mark Kluhsman, Office & Administrative Specialist Principal
- Vacancy, Management Analyst 1

Communications and Strategic Initiatives Unit

The sixth unit is the Communications Unit, comprised of 7 total staff including unit supervisor *Alycia Overbo, Environmental Health Supervisor. All unit staff report directly to Alycia.

St. Paul

- Alvine Laure Ekame, Planner Principal State
- Johanna Hayden, Communications Specialist 3
- Anu Li, Intern
- Erin Niehoff, Planner Principal State
- Krista Schaaf, Student Worker Para-Professional Senior
- Rebecca Toews, Communications Specialist 3
- Vacancy, Communications Specialist 2/3
- Vacancy, Communications Specialist 2/3

Technical Services Unit

The seventh unit is the Technical Services Unit, comprised of 5 total staff including unit supervisor *Cynthia Kenyon, Health Program Manager. All unit staff report directly to Cynthia.

St. Paul

- Angie Kane, Management Analyst 4
- Jessica Koblas, Management Analyst 2
- Zena Fantaye, Management Analyst 2
- Lindsey Butler, Student Worker Paraprofessional Senior
- Vacancy, TBD

Non-Unit Staff

There are a number of DWP staff who are not embedded into the above units. This comprises of 10 total staff, including 1 supervisor. Names, classifications, locations, and who they report to are listed below.

Staff

- *Todd Johnson, Engineer Administrative (Bemidji) – reports to Chris Elvrum
- Jessie Kolar, Engineer Senior – reports to Todd Johnson
- Cate Stacy, Student Worker Para-Professional Senior – reports to Dave Hokanson
- Corey Mathisen, Engineer Principal – reports to Todd Johnson
- Sara Mollamohammada, Engineer Grad 2 – reports to Todd Johnson
- Caroline Olstad, St. Prog. Admin. Senior – reports to Dave Hokanson
- Karla Peterson, Engineer Administrative – reports to Chris Elvrum
- Anna Schliep, St. Prog. Admin. Coordinator – reports to Dave Hokanson
- Rochelle Steinbruckner, St. Prog. Admin. Coordinator – reports to Dave Hokanson
- Becca Strauss, St. Prog. Admin. – reports to Dave Hokanson

DWP By Office

Below is a summary of number of DWP staff (including all staff, supervisors, and managers) broken down by office.

- Bemidji – 9
- Duluth – 6
- Fergus Falls – 6
- Mankato – 5
- Marshall – 4
- Rochester – 5
- St. Cloud – 11
- St. Paul – 102
- Total – 148

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+ Reports to Asst Manager vs Unit Supervisor

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