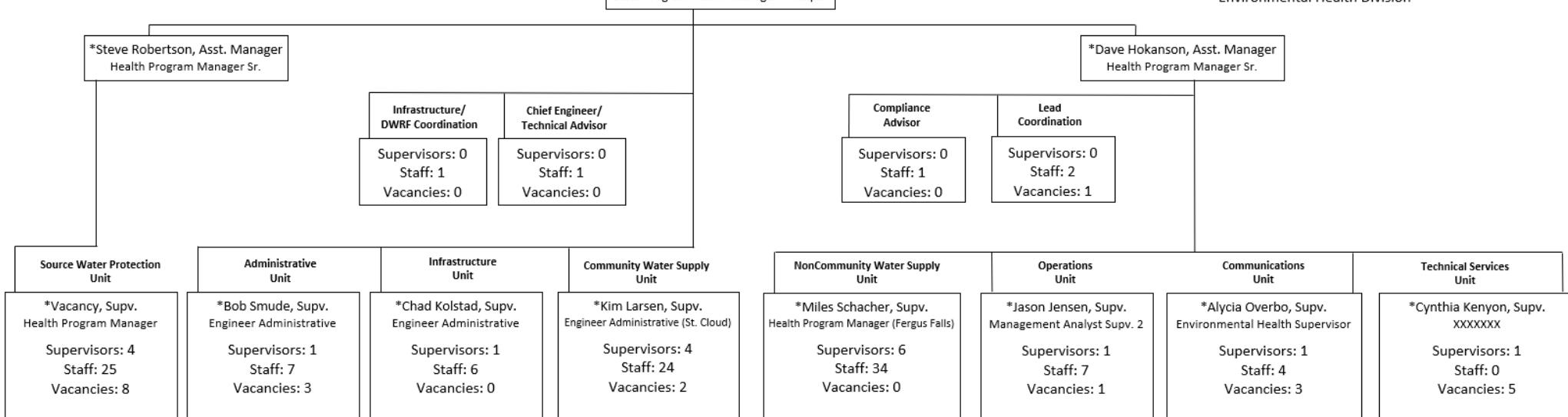


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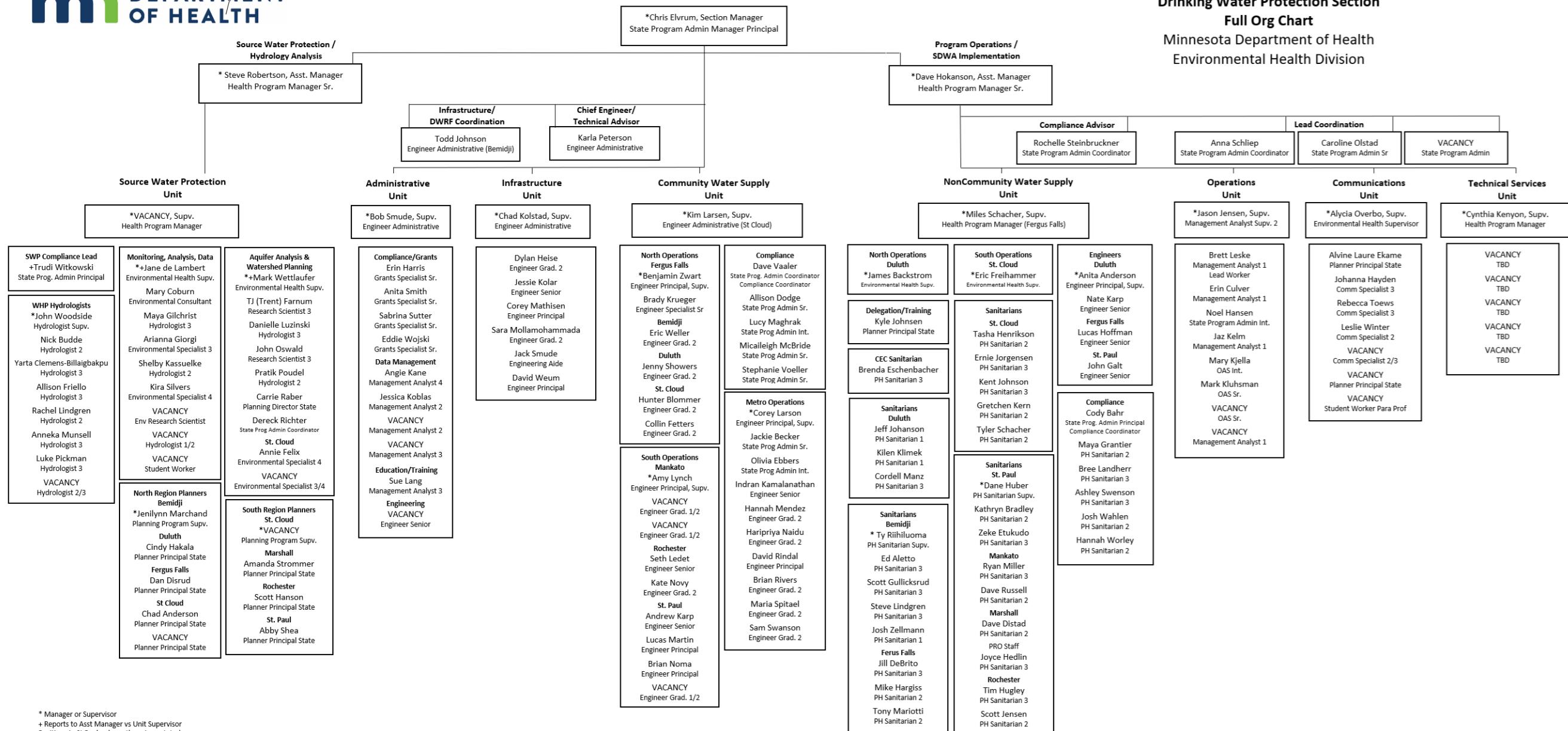
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Drinking Water Protection Section Organizational Chart

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 an assistant section manager, three unit supervisors, and two staff.

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

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

The section consists of eight units and 134 total staff.

Source Water Protection Unit

The first unit is the Source Water Protection Unit, comprised of 29 total staff including unit supervisor *Vacancy, Health Program Manager. Three regional supervisors and 1 direct staff report to Vacancy.

SWP Compliance Lead:

- +Trudi Witkowski, State Program Admin Principal

Monitoring, Analysis, Data:

- *Jane de Lambert, Environmental Health Supervisor
- Mary Coburn, Environmental Consultant
- Maya Gilchrist, Hydrologist 3
- Arianna Giorgi, Environmental Specialist 3
- Shelby Kassuelke, Hydrologist 2
- Kira Silvers, Environmental Specialist 4
- Vacancy, Environmental Research Scientist
- Vacancy, Hydrologist 1/2
- Vacancy, Student Worker

Aquifer Analysis & Watershed Planning:

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

WHP (Wellhead Protection) Hydrologists:

- *John Woodside, Hydrologist Supervisor
- Nick Budde, Hydrologist 2
- 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)
- Vacancy, Planner Principal State

South Region Planners:

- *Vacancy, Planning Program Supervisor (St. Cloud)
- Scott Hanson, Planner Principal State (Rochester)
- Abby Shea, Planner Principal State
- Amanda Strommer, Planner Principal State (Marshall)

Community Water Supply Unit

The second unit is the Community Water Supply Unit, comprised of 28 total staff including unit supervisor *Kim Larsen, Engineer Administrative. Three regional supervisors and 6 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
- Stephanie Voeller, State Program Administrator Senior

North Operations

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

South Operations

- *Amy Lynch, Engineer Principal Supervisor (Mankato)
- Andrew Karp, Engineer Senior
- Seth Ledet, Engineer Senior (Rochester)
- Lucas Martin, Engineer Principal
- Brian Noma, Engineer Principal
- Kate Novy, Engineer Graduate 2 (Rochester)
- Vacancy, Engineer Graduate 1/2
- Vacancy, Engineer Graduate 1/2

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
- Haripriya Naidu, Engineer Graduate 2
- David Rindal, Engineer Principal
- Brian Rivers, Engineer Graduate 2
- 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 40 total staff including unit supervisor *Miles Schacher, Health Program Manager. Three regional supervisors and 6 direct staff report to Miles.

Compliance

- Cody Bahr, State Program Admin Principal, 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

Engineers

- *Anita Anderson, Engineer Principal Supervisor (Duluth)
- John Galt, Engineer Senior
- Nate Karp, Engineer Senior (Duluth)
- Lucas Hoffman, Engineer Senior (Fergus Falls)

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

- Jeff Johanson, Public Health Sanitarian 1 (Duluth)
- Kilen Klimek, Public Health Sanitarian 1 (Duluth)
- Cordell Manz, Public Health Sanitarian 3 (Duluth)

Sanitarians

- *Ty Riihilahti, 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 1 (Bemidji)

South Operations Supervisor

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

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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

- *Dane Huber, Public Health Sanitarian Supervisor
- Kathryn Bradley, Public Health Sanitarian 2
- Dave Distad, Public Health Sanitarian 2 (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 2 (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 8 total staff including unit supervisor

*Bob Smude, Engineer Administrative. All unit staff report directly to Bob.

Compliance/Grants:

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

Data Management:

- Angie Kane, Management Analyst 4
- Jessica Koblas, Management Analyst 2
- Vacancy, Management Analyst 2
- Vacancy, Management Analyst 3

Education/Training:

- Sue Lang, Management Analyst 3

Engineering:

- Vacancy, Engineer Senior

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

Infrastructure Unit

The sixth unit is the Infrastructure Unit, comprised of 7 total staff including unit supervisor *Chad Kolstad, Engineer Administrative. All unit staff report directly to Chad.

St. Paul

- Dylan Heise, Engineer Graduate 2
- Jessie Kolar, Engineer Senior
- Corey Mathisen, Engineer Principal
- Sara Mollamohammada, Engineer Graduate 2
- Jack Smude, Engineering Aide
- David Weum, Engineer Principal

Communications and Strategic Initiatives Unit

The seventh unit is the Communications Unit, comprised of 5 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
- Rebecca Toews, Communications Specialist 3
- Leslie Winter, Communications Specialist 2
- Vacancy, Communications Specialist 2/3
- Vacancy, Planner Principal State
- Vacancy, Student Worker Para Prof

Technical Services Unit

The eighth unit is the Technical Services Unit, comprised of 1 total staff including unit supervisor *Cynthias Kenyon, Health Program Manager. All unit staff report directly to Cynthia.

St. Paul

- Vacancy, TBD

Non-Unit Staff

There are a number of DWP staff who are not embedded into the above units. This comprises of 6 total staff. Names, classifications, locations, and who they report to are listed below.

Staff

- Todd Johnson, Engineer Administrative (Bemidji) – reports to Chris Elvrum
- Caroline Olstad, St. Prog. Admin. Senior (St. Paul) – reports to Dave Hokanson
- Karla Peterson, Engineer Administrative (St. Paul) – reports to Chris Elvrum
- Anna Schliep, St. Prog. Admin. Coordinator (St. Paul) – reports to Dave Hokanson
- Rochelle Steinbruckner, St. Prog. Admin. Coordinator (St. Paul) – reports to Dave Hokanson
- Vacancy, St. Prog. Admin. (St. Paul) – reports to Dave Hokanson

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