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| SUBJECT : | Request to remove Unnamed Creek connecting Armstrong Lake to Wilmes Lake (07010206-745) from the 303(d) Impaired Waters list |

Unnamed creek (07010206-745) was listed in 2010 as impaired for excess chloride (aquatic life use). At the time of the original assessment, concerns were noted by the local resource professional that the site was a stormwater monitoring location and should not be assessed as a water of the state. In June of 2009 a determination was made that there is flow and a defined channel at the sampling location and from USGS maps, it appeared to be a natural watercourse and the reach was proposed for the draft 2010 list.

In 2011, staff from the Washington Conservation District moved that from surface water stations to those coded as storm sewer stations. S004-481, the station used in the original assessment, was changed to SS00032 – Wilmes Lake Storm Sewer Inlet, just off Hudson Road and I-94 in Lake Elmo, MN. MPCA does not include storm sewer data in its surface water assessments. As a result, the data is no longer tied to the AUID.

Because the provider of the data has indicated that it was not in fact collected from a water of the state but instead from a storm sewer conveyance, it is not appropriate to list the reach as impaired. The data has already been removed and the resulting impairment should be removed as a correction from the draft 2016 Impaired Waters List.