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The exemption of "de minimis" new pollution may allow state regulators to permit multiple new low-level discharges of a pollutant that together could have a significant impact on Lake Michigan/Huron water quality without any evidence that the additional pollution is justified. Also the new rule should trigger antidegradation review to protect water quality while it still exceeds standards, not just when an increased discharge would increase the level of a pollutant to the degree it poses a potentially "detrimental effect" on designated uses.