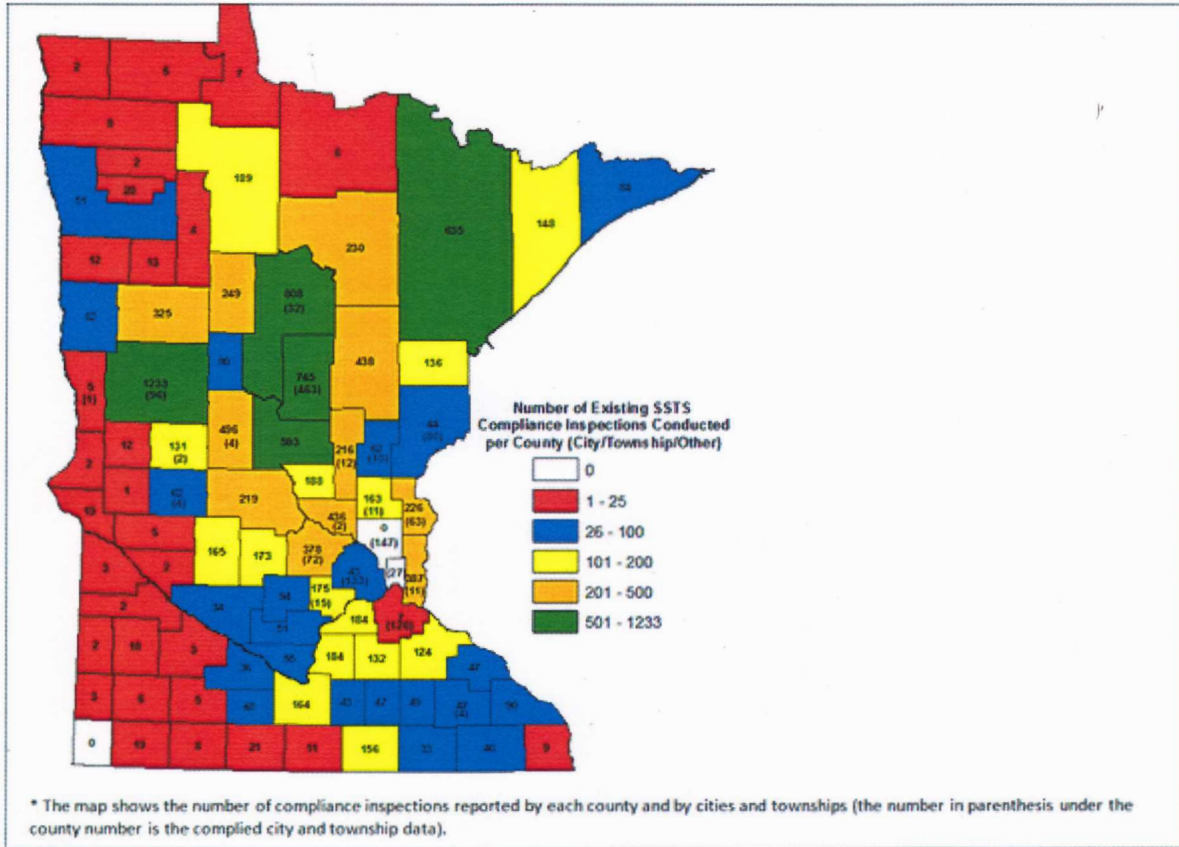


## Otter Tail County again tops in SSTS compliance inspections in 2014



Minnesota counties and other local units of government conducted a total of 12,805 compliance inspections on existing septic systems across the state in 2014, according to information submitted for the 2014 MPCA SSTS Annual Report that is currently being compiled and analyzed. It will be published later this fall. The total number of compliance inspections performed in 2013 was 11,566.

**Table 1. Number of compliance inspections, existing systems, reported local governmental units in 2014.**

Local unit of government	Number of compliance inspections of existing systems	Percentage of total
County	11,490	89.7
City	992	7.7
Township	296	2.3
Water Management District	27	0.2
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,805</b>	

As Table 1 above shows, 11,490 inspections in 2014 were reported by counties. Cities reported 992 compliance inspections and townships reported 296 compliance inspections. A Water Management District reported 27 compliance inspections.

Approximately 532,000 SSTS were reported in Minnesota in 2014. About 2 percent of those existing systems were inspected during the year. Inspections are a very important part of improving SSTS compliance. When old systems are inspected, those that pose an environmental or human health risk get on the list to be upgraded in the near future.