



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

STATE OF MINNESOTA

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INDUSTRIAL DIVISION

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE

NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)/

STATE DISPOSAL SYSTEM (SDS) PERMIT MN0002101

Public Comment Period Begins: February 4, 2013

Public Comment Period Ends: March 6, 2013

Current Permit Issued: September 29, 1993

Current Permit Expiration Date: June 30, 1995

Name and Address of Permittee:

Metropolitan Airports Commission
6040 28th Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55450

Facility Name and Location:

Minneapolis/St Paul Intl Airport
6040 28th Avenue South
T28N, R23W, Section 30,
Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota

Receiving Water: Mother Lake (Class 2B,3C,4A,4B,5,6 water); Minnesota River (Class 2C,3C,4A,4B,5,6 water)

Description of Permitted Facility

The Minneapolis/St Paul Intl Airport facility (Facility) is located at SW 1/4 of Section 30, Township 28 North, Range 23 West, Minneapolis, Hennepin County, Minnesota.

Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport (MSP) is a commercial service airport surrounded by the cities of Minneapolis, St. Paul, Bloomington, and Richfield. The airport is managed and run by the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) which was formed by the State Legislature in 1943 as a public corporation. MSP has one airfield with four runways and has air travel services including commercial aviation, general aviation, and cargo air transportation. In total, the airport consists of a total of approximately 3,400 acres of land.

Commercial aviation is supported at two terminal buildings, Terminal 1-Lindbergh and Terminal 2-Humphrey. There are a total of 127 gates between the two terminals. Terminal 1 provides 117 gate positions and Terminal 2 provides 10 gates.

General aviation facilities are located on a 37-acre site off East 70th Street. Fixed Base Operator (FBO) services are provided by Signature Flight Support. The site includes about 267,000 square feet of hanger/storage/shop space and 88,000 square yards of apron. The FBO also provides aircraft maintenance.

Cargo activity occurs at three locations at MSP. Federal Express (FedEx) and United Parcel Service (UPS) operate in a 100-acre "infield" area which provides 269,000 square foot cargo building and a 75,000 square yard apron. Lastly, in the southwest side of the airfield, there are two 40,000 square-foot cargo buildings.

In 2010, MSP served 32 million passengers and accommodated 437,075 landings and takeoffs making it 15th in North America for the number of travelers served and the 12th busiest airfield in the United States. MSP supports more than 150,000 jobs, \$10.7 billion in business revenue, \$6 billion in personal income, \$1.3 billion in local purchases, and \$626 million in state and local taxes.

MSP property produces stormwater runoff that discharges to one of two water bodies. A smaller portion of the airport drains to Mother Lake located in the northwest corner of the airport. The majority of MSP's stormwater drains to the Minnesota River through a system of storm sewers and stormwater ponds used to passively control discharges to the river at 3 different discharge points.

The Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC) owns and operates the Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport (MSP). As the primary owner the MAC shall be the primary Permittee. Portions of MSP have been leased by the MAC to the Contracting Airlines and associated ground support service contractors. The lease provides that the Contracting Airlines shall operate the leased areas as stipulated in the lease. Various aircraft support services may be provided by either the airlines themselves or through operational services contracts with ground support services. Those entities conducting air transportation services at MSP shall be considered Co-Permittees.

The location of the Facility is shown on the attached map.

Preliminary Determination on the Draft Permit

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to reissue this NPDES/SDS permit for a term of approximately five years.

A draft permit is available for review at the MPCA office at the St. Paul address listed below and on-line at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/data/index.cfm?PN=1>.

A copy of the draft permit will be mailed to you if the MPCA receives your written or oral request at this office. If you have questions about this draft permit or the Commissioner's preliminary determination, please contact Robert Kostinec at 507-206-2628.

Written Comments

You may submit written comments on the conditions of the draft permit or on the Commissioner's preliminary determination.

Written comments must include the following:

1. A statement of your interest in the permit application or the draft permit.
2. A statement of the action you wish the MPCA to take, including specific references to sections of the draft permit that you believe should be changed.
3. The reasons supporting your position, stated with sufficient specificity as to allow the Commissioner to investigate the merits of your position.

Petition for Public Informational Meeting

You also may request that the MPCA Commissioner hold a public informational meeting. A public informational meeting is an informal meeting that the MPCA may hold to solicit public comment and statements on matters before the MPCA, and to help clarify and resolve issues.

A petition requesting a public informational meeting must include the following information:

1. A statement identifying the matter of concern.
2. The information required under items 1 through 3 of "Written Comments," identified above.
3. A statement of the reasons the MPCA should hold a public informational meeting.
4. The issues that you would like the MPCA to address at the public informational meeting.

Petition for Contested Case Hearing

You also may submit a petition for a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a formal evidentiary hearing before an administrative law judge. In accordance with Minn. R. 7000.1900, the MPCA will grant a petition to hold a contested case hearing if it finds that: (1) there is a material issue of fact in dispute concerning the application or draft permit; (2) the MPCA has the jurisdiction to make a determination on the disputed material issue of fact; and (3) there is a reasonable basis underlying the disputed material issue of fact or facts such that the holding of the contested case hearing would allow the introduction of information that would aid the MPCA in resolving the disputed facts in making a final decision on the draft permit. A material issue of fact means a fact question, as distinguished from a policy question, whose resolution could have a direct bearing on a final MPCA decision.

A petition for a contested case hearing must include the following information:

1. A statement of reasons or proposed findings supporting the MPCA decision to hold a contested case hearing according to the criteria in Minn. R. 7000.1900, as discussed above.
2. A statement of the issues proposed to be addressed by a contested case hearing and the specific relief requested or resolution of the matter.

In addition and to the extent known, a petition for a contested case hearing should also include the following information:

1. A proposed list of prospective witnesses to be called, including experts, with a brief description of proposed testimony or summary of evidence to be presented at a contested case hearing.
2. A proposed list of publications, references, or studies to be introduced and relied upon at a contested case hearing.
3. An estimate of time required for you to present the matter at a contested case hearing.

MPCA Decision

You may submit a petition to the Commissioner requesting that the MPCA Citizens' Board (Board) consider the permit issuance. To be considered timely, the petition must be received by the MPCA by 4:30 p.m. on the date the public comment period ends, identified on page 1 of this notice. Under the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 116.02, subd. 6(4), the decision whether to issue the permit and, if so, under what terms will be presented to the Board for decision if: (1) the Commissioner grants the petition requesting the matter be presented to the Board; (2) one or more Board members request to hear the matter before the time the Commissioner makes a final decision on the permit; or (3) a timely request for a contested case hearing is pending. You may participate in the activities of the Board as provided in Minn. R. 7000.0650.

The written comments, requests, and petitions submitted on or before the last day of the public comment period will be considered in the final decision on this permit. If the MPCA does not receive written comments, requests, or petitions during the public comment period, MPCA staff as authorized by the Board, will make the final decision on the draft permit.

Comments, petitions, and/or requests must be submitted in writing on or before the end date of the public comment period identified on page 1 of this notice to:

Robert Kostinec
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
18 Wood Lake Drive SE
Rochester, MN 55904

Topographic Map of Permitted Facility

MN0002101, MSP Int. Airport
T28N, R23W, Section 30
Minneapolis, Hennepin, Minnesota



Map produced by: MPCA Staff, 1/18/13
Source: USGS Quad
Scale: 1:31,000

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