

**MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY
WEB NOTICE ON DRAFT/PROPOSED
AIR EMISSION FACILITY PERMIT**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) proposes to issue Air Emission Permit No. 07100019-005, to Specialty Minerals, Inc. for their facility located at 400 2nd Street, International Falls, Koochiching County, Minnesota.

The permit action is for modification and operation of the facility. The permit action is a combined part 70 operating permit and prevention of significant deterioration construction permit; therefore, the draft/proposed permit has been placed on public notice. The MPCA is seeking the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) concurrent review of this draft/proposed permit and the EPA's 45-day review period will begin with the 30-day public review period.

This permit authorizes installation of a fourth carbonator to meet increased demand for precipitated calcium carbonate. The Permittee has also requested to relax limits previously taken to avoid Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) permitting requirements. As a result, the requirements of 40 CFR § 52.21(r)(4) apply which require permitting of the facility as though the facility has not been constructed. NO_x, CO, and VOC are subject to PSD permitting requirements.

A summary of Limited Potential to Emit (PTE) in tons per year is as follows:

Pollutant	PM	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	SO ₂	NO _x	VOCs	CO	CO ₂ e	HAPs
Total Facility Limited PTE	6.59	6.59	6.59	12.3	200	69.5	247	12,174	2.02

PM = Particulate Matter

PM_{2.5} = PM smaller than 2.5 microns

NO_x = Nitrogen Oxides

CO = Carbon Monoxide

PM₁₀ = PM smaller than 10 microns

SO₂ = Sulfur Dioxide

VOCs = Volatile Organic Compounds

CO₂e = Carbon Dioxide Equivalents as defined in Minn. R. 7007.0100

HAP = Hazardous Air Pollutant

The Permittee is not required to submit a pollution prevention progress report pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 115D.08.

The preliminary determination to issue the air emission permit is tentative. There are four formal procedures for public participation in the MPCA's consideration of the permit application. Interested persons may (1) submit written comments on the draft/proposed permit; (2) request that the MPCA hold a public information meeting; (3) request the MPCA hold a contested case hearing; and/or (4) submit a petition to the Commissioner requesting that the MPCA Citizens' Board (Board) consider the permit matter.

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) an Board member requests to hear the matter prior to the time the Commissioner makes a final decision on the permit; or (3) a request for a contested case hearing is pending. Otherwise, the Commissioner will make the decision.

Persons who submit comments or petitions to the MPCA must state (1) their interest in the permit application or the draft permit; (2) the action they wish the MPCA to take, including specific references to the section of the draft permit they believe should be changed; and (3) the reasons supporting their position, stated with sufficient specificity as to allow the MPCA to investigate the merits of the position.

As described in Minn. R. 7000.1800, persons who submit requests for a contested case hearing must also state the issues they propose to address in a contested case hearing, the specific relief requested or resolution of the matter, and the reasons (which may be in the form of proposed findings) supporting an MPCA decision to hold a contested case hearing. Failure to comply with these rules exactly may result in a denial of the request. The decision whether to hold a contested case hearing will be made under Minn. R. 7000.1900. Most public libraries throughout the state have copies of the current Minnesota Rules. They are also available on the Internet at www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us.

The public comment period commences March 21, 2013, and terminates April 19, 2013. Comments must be received in writing at the MPCA by 4:30 p.m. on April 19, 2013. Evidence of timely receipt includes a date/time stamp imprinted on the first page of the written comments by the first floor information and reception area of the MPCA or by the Industrial Division support staff, or receipt by fax.

Comments, requests, and petitions should be sent to:

Marshall Cole, Air Quality Permits Section
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
18 Wood Lake Drive Southeast, Rochester, Minnesota 55904
507-206-2653 – Voice, 507-280-5513 – Fax

A copy of the draft/proposed permit will be mailed to any interested person upon the MPCA's receipt of a written request. Additional materials relating to the issuance of this permit are available for inspection at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency office at 18 Wood Lake Drive Southeast, Rochester, Minnesota 55904, phone 507-285-7343 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. All MPCA offices may be reached by calling 1-800-657-3864.

DATED: March 13, 2013

Don Smith, P.E., Manager
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Industrial Division