

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

The Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) proposes to issue Air Emission Permit No. 06100004-007, to ALLETE Inc., d/b/a Minnesota Power Inc. and WPPI Energy for their facility located at 1210 NW 3rd Street, Cohasset, Itasca County, Minnesota.

The permit action is for modification and operation of the facility. The permit action is a major amendment to the existing pt. 70 operating permit; therefore, the draft/proposed permit has been placed on public notice.

The MPCA originally published the public notice for this draft/proposed permit on February 27, 2013, for a February 28, 2013 through March 29, 2013 public comment period. On March 7, 2013, the MPCA received a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request pursuant to Minn. Stat. ch. 13 for all records pertaining to the development of the draft/proposed permit. The MPCA was not able to fulfill this request in order for the requestor to submit comments on the draft/proposed permit by March 29, 2013. On March 27, 2013, the requestor submitted a letter asking for an extension to the public comment period to provide adequate time for review of the requested records and to provide comments on the draft/proposed permit. In response to this request the MPCA is adding the April 18, 2013 through April 24, 2013 period as an extension to the original public comment period.

This permit action will authorize a multi-pollutant air pollution control retrofit project at Unit No. 4 to reduce emissions of mercury, particulate matter, sulfur dioxide, and hazardous air pollutants.

A summary of the Projected Actual Emissions Increase in tons per year is as follows:

Pollutant	PM	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	SO ₂	NO _x	VOCs	CO	CO ₂ e	Fl
Emissions Increase from new and modified emission units	21.4	13.1	9.02	0	0	1.67	0	1141	1.98

PM = Particulate Matter

PM_{2.5} = PM smaller than 2.5 microns

NO_x = Nitrogen Oxides

CO = Carbon Monoxide

Fl = Fluorides

PM₁₀ = PM smaller than 10 microns

SO₂ = Sulfur Dioxide

VOCs = Volatile Organic Compounds

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

The Permittee has submitted 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 extension commences April 18, 2013, and terminates April 24, 2013. Comments must be received in writing at the MPCA by 4:30 p.m. on April 24, 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: April 11, 2013

Don Smith, P.E., Manager
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