

MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY
PUBLIC NOTICE ON DRAFT
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. 16300005-012, to Northern States Power Company, a Minnesota Corporation d/b/a Xcel Energy for their facility located at 1103 King Plant Road, Bayport, Washington County, Minnesota.

The permit action is for construction and operation of the facility. The permit action is for a major amendment and the reissuance of the Part 70 Operating Permit; therefore, the draft/proposed permit has been placed on public notice. In addition, two administrative amendments and two mandatory re-openings and a notification of installation of control equipment being incorporated and authorized by permit action No. 16300005-012

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 action authorizes changes to Title I conditions for the NO₂ and SO₂ emission limits for the main boiler. These alternative limits are applicable during periods of startup, malfunctions and tuning. These are no physical changes, no changes to methods of operation and no allowed emission increases for the main boiler, and therefore, no modification for the main boiler is being authorized by this amendment. The permit includes changes to the authorization to bring temporary auxiliary boilers and engines to temporarily replace the existing units. No emission increases are authorized from the temporary replacement units, over what the permanent units are allowed.

The reissuance of the Title V permit updates the facility description, the rules and regulations applicable to the facility, and the compliance demonstration requirements for current equipment. Permit language has been updated to reflect current MPCA templates and standard citation formatting. Completed requirements and the requirements for equipment that has been removed have been deleted.

A summary of the 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	Lead	HAPs
Total Facility PTE	471.1	773.1	434.0	3006.8	2551.2	172.9	313.6	5184970	0.6	17.8

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 has submitted 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 for the second formal procedure, Xcel Energy has already requested the MPCA hold a public information meeting. On Monday May 13, 2013 at 6:30 p.m., the MPCA will hold the public information meeting. The meeting will be held in the Auditorium at Boutwells Landing located at 5600 Norwich Parkway, Oak Park Heights, Minnesota, 55082. The public information meeting will provide information, provide opportunity to receive public input, and answer questions about the proposed permit.

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 April 13, 2013, and terminates May 28, 2013, 2013. Comments must be received in writing at the MPCA by 4:30 p.m. on May 28, 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:

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A copy of the draft/proposed permit will available on the MPCA's website at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/data/index.cfm?PN=1>, or will also 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 by appointment at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, phone 651-757-2667, 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 8, 2013

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