

**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. 13700061-006, to Hibbing Taconite Co (HTC) for their facility located at 4950 County Highway 5 North, Hibbing, St. Louis County, Minnesota.

The permit action is for modification and operation of the facility. The permit action is a major amendment 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 45-day review period will begin with the 30-day public review period.

This permit action is required by a Stipulation Agreement (Agreement) between HTC and the MPCA effective June 30, 2011. The Agreement requested that HTC outline scrubber performance monitoring options within a Corrective Action Plan (Plan) and provide the Plan to the MPCA. HTC submitted a major amendment permit application detailing the proposed changes to scrubber performance monitoring for the scrubbers that control emissions from the indurating furnaces (GP003) and the scrubbers that control taconite ore processing emissions (GP004).

As part of the major permit amendment, no emission units are being modified, replaced and/or debottlenecked. This amendment affects GP003 scrubber monitoring only.

In addition to the major amendment, a number of permit reopenings and an administrative amendment are being rolled into this permit action. The reopenings are due performance test results that reset control equipment operational limits.

On October 25, 2011, the MPCA received an administrative amendment application from HTC requesting an extension of the deadline to complete performance testing on FS047 and FS048 (now called FS091 and FS098). Initial testing of FS091 and FS098 occurred on October 7, 2010, with subsequent testing due before October 7, 2011. HTC performed the required testing on October 19, 2011.

Additionally, HTC has submitted test frequency plans for a number of units (FS076 – FS122). The test frequency plans have been reviewed by the MPCA and the permit has been updated to reflect the testing frequencies.

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><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](http://www.revisor.leg.state.mn.us).

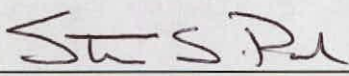
The public comment period commences October 19, 2012, and terminates November 19, 2012. Comments must be received in writing at the MPCA by 4:30 p.m. on November 19, 2012. Evidence of timely receipt includes a date/time stamp imprinted on the first page of the written comments by the first floor information 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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Industrial Division, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155  
651-757-2843 – Voice, 651-296-8717 – Fax

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: October 8, 2012

  
for Don Smith, P.E., Manager  
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