

## General information

**Public comment period begins:** July 20, 2021

**Public comment period ends:** August 19, 2021 (4:30 p.m.)

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to issue this permit.

**Name and address of Permittee:**

Dakota County  
 1590 Highway 55  
 Hastings, MN 55033-2343

**Facility name and location:**

Dakota County - Northern Service  
 Center  
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 Dakota County

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A draft permit and supporting documentation is available for review on the MPCA Public Notices webpage at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publicnotices>. Additional materials relating to the issuance of this permit are available for inspection by appointment at any MPCA office (<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/about-mpca/mpca-offices>) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The MPCA will mail or email a copy of the draft permit upon request. Comments, petitions, and other requests must be received at the MPCA in writing on or before the public comment period end date and time identified above.

## Description of Permitted Facility

Dakota County (Permittee) operates a number of government centers within the county, including the Northern Service Center (facility). Northern Service Center utilizes two dual-fueled boilers (EQUIs 1 and 2) and a natural gas-fired boiler (EQUI 3), each used for facility heating. A diesel-fired generator engine (EQUI 4) also provides emergency power to the facility. Insignificant emission sources include a two cell cooling tower and a diesel storage tank. The main pollutants of concern from the facility are nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>) and carbon monoxide (CO).

At the time of permit issuance, EQUI 4 is also contracted to provide peak-shaving for the electrical utility. This permit establishes a timeline requiring the Permittee to execute the escape clause from the peak-shaving agreement. After this occurs, the facility will be required to operate EQUI 4 exclusively as an emergency engine.

The preliminary determination to issue this Air permit is tentative.

The permit action is for operation of the facility. The permit action is State Permit; therefore, the draft permit has been placed on public notice.

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

Pollutant	PM	PM <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	VOCs	CO	CO <sub>2e</sub>	Total HAP	Single HAP
Total Facility PTE (tpy)	0.618	0.618	0.618	0.0368	16.5	1.77	2.66	4,736	0.0378	0.0248

PM = Particulate Matter

PM<sub>2.5</sub> = PM, 2.5 microns and smaller

NO<sub>x</sub> = Nitrogen Oxides

CO = Carbon Monoxide

PM<sub>10</sub> = PM, 10 microns and smaller

SO<sub>2</sub> = Sulfur Dioxide

VOCs = Volatile Organic Compounds

CO<sub>2e</sub> = Carbon Dioxide Equivalents as defined in Minn. R. 7007.0100

HAP = Hazardous Air Pollutant -- if used and not defined above

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

## Procedure for public participation

As stated in Minn. R. chs. 7000 and 7001, there are three formal procedures for public participation in the MPCA's consideration of this matter. Interested persons may:

- (1) Submit written comments on the draft permit.
- (2) Petition the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting.
- (3) Petition the MPCA to hold a contested case hearing.

## Submitting written comments

To submit comments or petitions to the MPCA through the mail or email, you must state:

- (1) Your interest in the permit application or the draft permit.
- (2) The action you wish the MPCA to take, including specific references to the section of the draft permit you believe should be changed.
- (3) The reasons supporting your position, stated with sufficient specificity as to allow the MPCA to investigate the merits of the position.

## Public informational meeting

A public informational meeting is an informal meeting during which interested persons can ask questions concerning the proposed facility. MPCA staff will be present to provide information. If an interested person would like the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting, the person should include all information identified above and in addition include a statement of the reasons the person desires the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting and the issues that the person would like the agency to address at the public informational meeting.

## Contested Case Hearing

A contested case hearing is a formal proceeding before an administrative law judge empowered to advise the MPCA regarding issues of fact. As described in Minn. R. 7000.1800, persons who submit petitions 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. To the extent known, the petitioner may also submit a list of prospective witnesses to be called at a hearing, a proposed list of publications, references, or studies to be introduced at a hearing and the approximate time required for the petitioner to present the matter at a hearing. The decision whether to hold a contested case hearing will be made under Minn. R. 7000.1900.