Public Comment Period Begins: August 12, 2014
Public Comment Period Ends: September 11, 2014

Current Permit Issued: December 2, 2004
Current Permit Expiration Date: October 31, 2009

Name and Address of Permittee:
Wisconsin Central Limited
17642 S Ashland Avenue
Homewood, Illinois 60430

Facility Name and Location:
Wisconsin Central Limited- Duluth Ore Dock
212 S 37th Avenue West
T49N, R14W, Section 5,
Duluth, St. Louis County, Minnesota

Receiving Water: St. Louis Bay of St. Louis River, Duluth (Class 2B,3C,4A,4B,5,6 water)

Location:
Wisconsin Central Limited operates a facility commonly known as the Duluth Ore Dock located at
212 South 37th Avenue West, Duluth, St. Louis County, Minnesota.

Permitted Activities:
The site is permitted to discharge dust control process wastewater, contaminated stormwater, and non-
contaminated stormwater from the drainage areas (described below). The facility is also authorized under this
permit to store and reuse dredged material from the channel.

Operations at this site include: (a) vehicle and equipment fueling and fuel storage facilities [a 550 and a 560 gallon
gasoline storage tank, 500 gallon used oil tank, 12,000 gallon diesel fuel tank, 55 gallon drums, etc.], (b) product
(taconite and limestone) unloading, transfer, storage and bulk ship loading, and (c) dredging to maintain
navigability.
The industrial process waste stream(s) authorized for discharge by this permit consists of waters used for dust suppression (cannon system). Stock piling and transfer of taconite iron-ore and limestone is an integral component of the ore dock loading and unloading operations. These activities generate the need for dust control measures.

Dredging occasionally takes place in the slips along both sides of Dock 6 as necessary to maintain navigability. The dredge materials are stockpiled in the area labeled on the map in discharge area 6, where usable taconite pellets are excavated out of the material and reused. There has yet to be any disposal of dredged materials.

For the management of stormwater associated with an industrial activity, the site map included with this permit has the site partitioned into stormwater drainage areas.

The location of the Facility is shown on the attached map.

Preliminary Determination on the Draft Permit
The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to reissue this NPDES/SDS permit for a term of approximately five years.
A draft permit is available for review at the MPCA office at the St. Paul address listed below, at the Duluth regional office and on-line at http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/data/index.cfm?PN=1.

A copy of the draft permit will be mailed to you if the MPCA receives your written or oral request at this office. If you have questions about this draft permit or the Commissioner’s preliminary determination, please contact Emma Ogaard at 651-757-2445.

Written Comments
You may submit written comments on the conditions of the draft permit or on the Commissioner’s preliminary determination.

Written comments must include the following:

1. A statement of your interest in the permit application or the draft permit.
2. A statement of the action you wish the MPCA to take, including specific references to sections of the draft permit that you believe should be changed.
3. The reasons supporting your position, stated with sufficient specificity as to allow the Commissioner to investigate the merits of your position.

Petition for Public Informational Meeting
You also may request that the MPCA Commissioner hold a public informational meeting. A public informational meeting is an informal meeting that the MPCA may hold to solicit public comment and statements on matters before the MPCA, and to help clarify and resolve issues.

A petition requesting a public informational meeting must include the following information:

1. A statement identifying the matter of concern.
2. The information required under items 1 through 3 of “Written Comments,” identified above.
3. A statement of the reasons the MPCA should hold a public informational meeting.
4. The issues that you would like the MPCA to address at the public informational meeting.

Petition for Contested Case Hearing
You also may submit a petition for a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a formal evidentiary hearing before an administrative law judge. In accordance with Minn. R. 7000.1900, the MPCA will grant a petition to hold a contested case hearing if it finds that: (1) there is a material issue of fact in dispute concerning the application or draft permit; (2) the MPCA has the jurisdiction to make a determination on the disputed material issue of fact; and (3) there is a reasonable basis underlying the disputed material issue of fact or facts such that the holding of the contested case hearing would allow the introduction of information that would aid the MPCA in resolving the disputed facts in making a final decision on the draft permit. A material issue of fact means a fact question, as distinguished from a policy question, whose resolution could have a direct bearing on a final MPCA decision.

A petition for a contested case hearing must include the following information:

1. A statement of reasons or proposed findings supporting the MPCA decision to hold a contested case hearing according to the criteria in Minn. R. 7000.1900, as discussed above.
2. A statement of the issues proposed to be addressed by a contested case hearing and the specific relief requested or resolution of the matter.
In addition and to the extent known, a petition for a contested case hearing should also include the following information:

1. A proposed list of prospective witnesses to be called, including experts, with a brief description of proposed testimony or summary of evidence to be presented at a contested case hearing.
2. A proposed list of publications, references, or studies to be introduced and relied upon at a contested case hearing.
3. An estimate of time required for you to present the matter at a contested case hearing.

**MPCA Decision**

You may submit a petition to the Commissioner requesting that the MPCA Citizens’ Board (Board) consider the permit issuance. To be considered timely, the petition must be received by the MPCA by 4:30 p.m. on the date the public comment period ends, identified on page 1 of this notice. Under the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 116.02, subd. 6(4), 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) one or more Board members request to hear the matter before the time the Commissioner makes a final decision on the permit; or (3) a timely request for a contested case hearing is pending. You may participate in the activities of the Board as provided in Minn. R. 7000.0650.

The written comments, requests, and petitions submitted on or before the last day of the public comment period will be considered in the final decision on this permit. If the MPCA does not receive written comments, requests, or petitions during the public comment period, MPCA staff as authorized by the Board, will make the final decision on the draft permit.

Comments, petitions, and/or requests must be submitted in writing on or before the end date of the public comment period identified on page 1 of this notice to:

Emma Ogaard, 5th Floor  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
520 Lafayette Road North  
St. Paul, MN 55155-4194
Site’s Watershed Boundaries
Topographical Map of Permitted Facility