

**MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY
PUBLIC 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. 13700027-006, to Hibbing Public Utilities Commission for their facility located at 1832 Sixth Avenue East, Hibbing, St. Louis County, Minnesota.

The permit action is for operation of the facility. The permit action is a major amendment to the current Part 70 operating permit; therefore, the draft/proposed permit has been placed on public notice. The MPCA is seeking 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.

The primary purpose of this permit action is to make corrections to the requirements for continuous emissions monitors (CEMS) and to reformat the requirements for the continuous opacity monitors (COMS) for clarity. In addition, the changes were made to incorporate operating limits and test frequency schedules based on the results of recent performance tests.

There are no changes to the facility authorized, and no changes to the previously permitted potential emissions.

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 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 Board consider the permit matter.

The decision whether to issue the permit and, if so, under what terms, will be presented to the MPCA Board for decision if: (1) the Commissioner grants the petition requesting the matter be presented to the MPCA Board; (2) an MPCA 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 commences July 19, 2008, and terminates August 18, 2008. Comments must be received in writing at the MPCA by 4:30 p.m. on August 18, 2008. 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 or email.

Comments, requests and petitions should be sent to:

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A copy of the draft/proposed permit will be 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 651-296-3263, 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: July 11, 2008

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