

General information

Public comment period begins: November 21, 2022

Public comment period ends: December 21, 2022

Name and address of Permittee:

Epitome Energy
 1651 Old Highway 19
 Red Wing, MN 55066-1126

Facility name and location:

Epitome Energy LLC
 2100 Main Street
 Crookston, MN 56716-2401
 Polk County

MPCA contact person:

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 1-844-828-0942

A draft permit and supporting documentation are available for review on the MPCA Public Notices webpage at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publiccomments.com>. 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/contact-us>) 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 U.S. Mail comments must be received by 4:30 p.m.

Description of Epitome Energy LLC

Epitome Energy, LLC is to construct a soybean oil extraction and refining facility, located in Crookston, Minnesota. The facility design capacity is 120,000 bushels per day (3,600 tons per day). Emissions from the facility include particulate matter (PM), particulate matter less than or equal to 10 microns (PM10), and particulate matter less than or equal to 2.5 microns (PM2.5), volatile organic compounds (VOC), and the hazardous air pollutant (HAP) n-hexane. In addition, emissions from combustion sources also include nitrogen oxides (NOx), sulfur dioxide (SO2), carbon monoxide (CO), other HAPs, and greenhouse gases (GHG) expressed as carbon dioxide equivalents (CO2e).

A summary of the Allowable Emissions for the Total facility in tons per year is as follows:

Pollutant	PM	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	SO ₂	NO _x	VOC	CO	CO _{2e}	Single HAP*	Total HAP
Total facility limited potential emissions	110.28	97.98	81.82	0.49	28.08	481.09	69.80	71,300	307.43	307.51

* n-Hexane

PM = Particulate Matter

PM_{2.5} = PM, 2.5 microns and smaller

NO_x = Nitrogen Oxides

CO = Carbon Monoxide

PM₁₀ = PM, 10 microns and smaller

SO₂ = Sulfur Dioxide

VOC = Volatile Organic Compounds

CO_{2e} = Carbon Dioxide Equivalents as defined in
 Minn. R. 7007.0100

HAP = Hazardous Air Pollutant

The Permittee is required to submit a pollution prevention progress report pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 115D.08. It has not yet been submitted yet because the facility is not yet built or operational.

The preliminary determination to issue this Air permit is tentative.

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

Comments may be submitted:

- 1) Online at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publiccomments>; or
- 2) By U.S. postal mail to the following address:
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
c/o Tarik Hanafy
520 Lafayette Road
St. Paul, MN 55155

Submitted comments or petitions 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.