

## General information

**Public comment period begins:** April 9, 2024  
**Public comment period ends:** May 9, 2024  
**Current permit issued:** November 18, 2013

<b>Name and address of Permittee:</b>	<b>Facility name and location:</b>	<b>MPCA contact person:</b>
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A draft permit and supporting documentation are available for review on the MPCA Public Notices webpage at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/public-comments>. 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 US Postal Service Management Support Service Center

The US Postal Service Management Support Service Center (the Facility) is an office building designed as a Tier 2 data center with highly redundant electrical systems. The Facility currently operates 14 natural gas fired boilers and eight emergency diesel-fired generators without any add on controls. Potential emissions from carbon monoxide (CO) and nitrogen oxide (NO<sub>x</sub>) are above the major source thresholds for Prevention of Significant Deterioration Program (PSD) while potential emissions of sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), particulate matter less than 10 and 2.5 micrometers in size (PM<sub>10</sub> and PM<sub>2.5</sub>) are above the significant emission increase threshold for PSD. Potential emissions of NO<sub>x</sub>, SO<sub>2</sub>, and CO are in excess of the major source thresholds for 40 CFR pt. 70. The permittee has taken an annual operational limit for each emergency generator to avoid major source classification under PSD and Part 70.

This permit action is a Major Amendment. This permit action authorizes the construction and operation of four new emergency generators, each with an operational limit of 250 hours per year to avoid major source status under Part 70. The new emission units are subject to 40 CFR pt. 60, subp. IIII and 40 CFR pt. 63, subp. ZZZZ.

This permit action includes the addition and modification of operational limits on the existing emergency generators. Each existing generator has an operational limit of 400 hours per year, established in permit 03700360-001 as part of an injunctive relief process which cannot be modified. An additional operational limit of 250 hours per year, is being applied individually to these emission units. In addition to the new limits, the peak shaving capability for the existing generators is being removed. The above changes are being established to avoid major source status under Part 70.

The preliminary determination to modify this Air permit is tentative.

The permit action is for construction and operation of the facility. The permit action is a major amendment; therefore, the draft permit has been placed on public notice.

A summary of the Emissions Increase 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>	HAPs - Total
Emissions Increase from new and modified emission units	0.78	0.78	0.78	0.12	85.68	0.97	14.37	5,056	0.049

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

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

Comments may be submitted:

- 1) Online at <https://mpca.commentinput.com/comment/search>; or
- 2) By U.S. postal mail to the following address:  
Kate Mahonen  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
525 Lake Ave, Si, Suite 400  
Duluth, MN 55802

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.