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While we agree that the cumulative impacts tool will be incredibly useful, we feel that permitted facilities in good standing should be omitted from an additional cumulative impact analysis.

Alternatively, MPCA should add a fast-tracked process for these facilities.
How are companies evaluated? How will they know they need to do a cumulative impact analysis? How will that information be shared with the public?

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We would like to see clarification on what the tool will do and how it will be used. Will it be a map that allows users to explore impacted areas and understand what facilities are operating (and thereby emitting/polluting) in that area, the company's impact (tied to specific air, water and land pollution KPIs), and the company's remediation initiatives? We'd like the tool to show how facilities improve over time.

Additionally, since Minnesota is such a diverse state, it will be important to customize for each community to ensure that the community's key interests are represented. This would require community groups/task forces/leaders to help determine what the KPIs should be for each community.

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MPCA should consider working with tribal communities to define indicators specific to those communities. It is important to involve tribal communities and engage tribal leaders at the highest level for community discussions and negotiations.

There needs to be more discussion around who is monitoring/tracking/bringing the information to the public and who should represent each

community. Companies will have legal representation, while communities may not, which will create an imbalance on who can negotiate and make decisions on the community's behalf. We'd like to see informed citizens along with representatives from cities, public health, environmental lawyers, tribal leaders and business leaders at the table. A professional, neutral third party should be facilitating these ongoing discussions to ensure decisions represent each community's best interests.

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n/a

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It is difficult to retain and expand businesses in northeast Minnesota for various reasons, including challenges associated with permitting, a lack of affordable/adequate housing for prospective employees, workforce shortages, and childcare shortages. We would not want MPCA's cumulative impacts tool to add further layers of complication to an already arduous process. This underscores the importance of having each community provide input and insight into the development of this tool and how it will be used.

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Minnesota's air quality ebbs and flows due to many factors, including those outside of industrial development/emissions. Should companies have a responsibility to decrease emissions during times of low air quality (i.e., wildfires)?

What are other important things we should consider in a cumulative impacts analysis – they can be social political economic?

Duluth is landlocked and heavily developed. We must continue to rely on existing businesses and industries to support our economy.

We're concerned that the cumulative impact analysis process will place an undue burden on already burdened companies that are essential to our regional economy and quality of life.

Our state's environmental permitting process is already rigorous. How will the additional cumulative impact analysis affect permitting? What additional layers of red tape will be added, and how will the MPCA ensure that responsible industrial development will not be negatively impacted?

How will the MPCA monitor actions? Who owns that responsibility?

What do you think is missing?

Once the Cumulative Impact Analysis tool is developed, how will it be used to support responsible industrial development and protect human health without hindering economic development?

Has MPCA considered translating this tool and its data to a mobile app that would show companys' stats/info? This could also be used as a mass

communication tool that pushes out notifications with important/timely information pertaining to air quality/environmental impacts or timely updates from MPCA. It would also enable individual users to customize what information they receive.
