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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road N
St. Paul, MN 55155-4194

Dear Minnesota Pollution Control Agency,

The Bottineau Neighborhood Association Board of Directors express our sincere gratitude for notifying us about the permit application for Innovent Air Handling. Your diligence in keeping stakeholders informed is greatly appreciated and underscores the commitment of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to transparency, community engagement, and environmental justice. We would also like to extend our thanks to Innovent Air Handling for their efforts in maintaining low emissions.

In an effort to inspire other companies to adopt similar practices, we propose an adjustment to the new permit. Specifically, we recommend that the permit for Innovent Air Handling be revised to a maximum of 20 tons of VOC emissions. Additionally, we suggest implementing a review process in five years to assess the effectiveness of this limit and make any necessary adjustments. By setting this precedent, we believe that larger companies with greater pollution potential will be encouraged to follow suit, ultimately fostering a positive environmental change. This initiative is especially crucial given our shared responsibility to protect the Mississippi River, a vital natural resource that supports diverse ecosystems and provides drinking water for millions. Reducing VOC emissions will help prevent harmful pollutants from entering the river, preserving its health and the well-being of communities that depend on it.

We are confident that this approach will not only benefit our environment but also showcase the leadership of the MPCA and Innovent Air Handling. Thank you for considering our proposal. We look forward to collaborating with you to achieve our shared goal of protecting and enhancing Minnesota's environment.

Sincerely,

Bottineau Neighborhood Association Board of Directors