

General information

Public comment period begins: January 9, 2025
Public comment period ends: March 10, 2025
Current permit issued: September 11, 2015
Current permit expiration date: August 31, 2020

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to reissue this permit for a term of approximately five years.

Name and address of Permittee:	Facility name and location:	MPCA contact person:
Metropolitan Council Environmental Services 390 Robert St N St Paul, MN 55101-1805	Met Council - Hastings Water Resource Recovery Facility 521 E 2nd St Hastings, MN 55033 Dakota County T115N, R17W, Section 27	Holly Mikkelson Municipal Division Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 7678 College Rd, Ste 105 Baxter, MN 56425 Phone: 218-316-3860 Email: holly.mikkelson@state.mn.us
		File manager phone: 651-757-2728 or 844-828-0942

A draft permit and fact sheet 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.

Watershed: Mississippi River - Twin Cities

Receiving water: Mississippi River - Class 2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water

Description of permitted facility

The Met Council - Hastings Water Resource Recovery Facility (facility) is located at 521 East 2nd Street, Hastings, Minnesota 55033, Dakota County.

The existing facility has a continuous discharge from SD 001. This facility is a Class B.

The facility is designed to treat:

- an average wet weather (AWW) flow of 2.69 million gallons per day (MGD);
- an average dry weather flow of 2.34 MGD;
- a peak hourly wet weather flow of 6.4 MGD;
- a 5-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD₅) concentration of 260 milligrams per liter (mg/L);
- a total suspended solids (TSS) concentration of 270 mg/L; and
- a total phosphorus (TP) concentration of 6.5 mg/L.

The facility consists of a mechanical bar screen, influent pumping, flow metering, two grit removal chambers, two primary clarifiers, four two-pass aeration tanks, alum addition for phosphorus removal, two final clarifiers, chlorination, and dechlorination. Biosolids are thickened by a gravity thickener and hauled to either the Met Council - Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment facility (WWTF) or the Met Council - Seneca WWTF for further treatment and disposal or incineration.

In addition to the limitations and provisions provided by this Permit, the Met Council - Mississippi Basin Total Phosphorus Permit (MN0070629) includes the TP water quality-based effluent limits (WQBEL) for five Met Council owned and operated WWTFs located within the Mississippi River Basin and Lake Pepin Watershed. Individual NPDES/SDS permits for the respective facilities covered by the Met Council - Mississippi Basin Total Phosphorus Permit contain the individual TP concentration-based limits and reporting requirements, while the Met Council - Mississippi Basin Total Phosphorus Permit includes the aggregate mass-based total phosphorus limit and reporting requirements.

The preliminary determination to reissue this wastewater 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 <https://mpca.commentinput.com/comment/search>; or
- 2) By U.S. postal mail to the following address:
Holly Mikkelson
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
7678 College Rd, Ste 105
Baxter, MN 56425

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. The 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.