

General information

Public comment period begins: February 15, 2025

Public comment period ends: March 17, 2025

Current permit issued: May 26, 2005

Name and address of Permittees:

Viracon
 800 Park Dr
 Owatonna, MN 55060-4935

Apogee Enterprises
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 Minneapolis, MN 55435

Facility name and location:

Viracon Inc
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 Owatonna, MN 55060-4935
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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 Viracon LLC

Viracon LLC is an architectural glass fabricator in Owatonna, MN. The facility manufactures a variety of glass products for commercial buildings. The primary capabilities of the facility consist of cutting, heat soaking, coating, laminating, roll coating, digital printing, silkscreen printing, tempering and insulating. Supporting operations include sandblasting, on-site backup power generation, cleaning, and various insignificant activities. The sandblasting operations are equipped with particulate control equipment. The main pollutants of concern are emitted from the coating materials, namely volatile organic compounds (VOCs), and hazardous air pollutants (HAPs).

This permit action establishes a 125 ton per year VOC emission limit on the tempering lines. Additionally, this permit action establishes a 50 ton per year VOC emission limit on the insulating product lines. The above-mentioned limits are being taken to avoid major source status under NSR.

The permit action is for operation of the facility. The permit action is issuance of a Part 70 operating permit; therefore, the draft permit has been placed on public notice.

A summary of the Potential to Emit (PTE) in tons per year is as follows:

Pollutant	PM	PM ₁₀	PM _{2.5}	SO ₂	NO _x	VOCs	CO	CO _{2e}	HAPs – Total
Total Facility PTE	5.56	18.73	1.88	1.69E-04	1.18	203	0.09	33.67	138

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

VOCs = Volatile Organic Compounds

CO_{2e} = 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.

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 <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, S., Suite 400
Duluth, MN 55806

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.