

## General information

**Public comment period begins:** April 8, 2025

**Public comment period ends:** May 8, 2025

<b>Name and address of Permittee:</b>	<b>Facility name and location:</b>	<b>MPCA contact person:</b>
Sofidel America 300 Welsh Rd Horsham, PA 19044	ST Paper 1 LLC 100 Central Ave Duluth, MN 55807-2462 St. Louis County T049N, R14W, Section 007	Scott Dunn Industrial Division Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 520 Lafayette Rd N St. Paul, MN 55155 Phone: 651-757-2657 Email: <a href="mailto:scott.dunn@state.mn.us">scott.dunn@state.mn.us</a> File manager phone: 651-757-2728 or 844-828-0942

A draft permit and supporting information is 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 permitted facility/activity

Sofidel America manufactures tissue paper in Duluth. The facility produces emissions from a recycle pulp mill, two boilers, and a paper machine for manufacturing bath tissue, paper towels, hard wound towels, and napkins.

The permit action is for construction and operation of the facility. The permit action is the reissuance of the Part 70 operating permit with one minor amendment and one administrative amendment; therefore, the draft permit has been placed on public notice.

A summary of the Potential to Emit (PTE)/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>	All HAPs
Total Facility PTE	94.15	38.84	25.41	0.39	35.59	73.93	54.55	70,332	20.45
Emissions Increase from new and modified emission units	0.044	0.044	0.044	2.11x10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.62	0.051	0.13	21.07	4.84x10 <sup>-4</sup>
Net Emissions Increase	0.044	0.044	0.044	2.11x10 <sup>-4</sup>	0.62	0.051	0.13	21.07	4.84x10 <sup>-4</sup>

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 -- if used and not defined above

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:  
Scott Dunn  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
520 Lafayette Rd N  
St. Paul, MN 55155

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.