

## General information

**Public comment period begins:** April 19, 2025**Public comment period ends:** May 19, 2025**Name and address of Permittee:**Central Specialties Inc  
6325 County Road 87 SW  
Alexandria, MN 56308-5361**Facility name and location:**Central Specialties Inc - Plant 6  
Portable  
Alexandria, MN 56308  
Douglas County**MPCA contact person:**Kate Mahonen  
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844-828-0942

A draft permit and supporting information 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 Central Specialties Inc – Plant 6

Central Specialties Inc - Plant 6 is a portable, hot mix asphalt manufacturing plant. The emission units at the facility include a drum mixer and an asphalt cement storage tank heater. The drum mixer combines aggregate, which is heated and dried within the drum, with asphalt cement. Particulate matter, particulate matter less than 10 microns in size, and particulate matter less than 2.5 microns in size emissions from the drum mixer are controlled with a fabric filter. Insignificant activities at the facility include two asphalt cement storage tanks, one tack tank, and various brazing, soldering and welding units.

This permit action is a State Permit. The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has a combined operating and construction permitting program under Minn. R. ch. 7007. Under that authority, this permit action authorizes construction of the facility. The permit establishes total facility limits to avoid major source status under Part 70, National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants, and Prevention of Significant Deterioration.

The permit action is for construction and operation of the facility. The permit action is a first time state 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 <sub>10</sub>	PM <sub>2.5</sub>	SO <sub>2</sub>	NO <sub>x</sub>	VOCs	CO	CO <sub>2e</sub>	HAP
Total Facility PTE	90.0	90.0	90.0	90.0	90.0	90.0	90.0	22,275	22.5

PM = Particulate Matter

PM<sub>2.5</sub> = PM, 2.5 microns and smallerNO<sub>x</sub> = Nitrogen Oxides

CO = Carbon Monoxide

PM<sub>10</sub> = PM, 10 microns and smallerSO<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

The Permittee has not submitted 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 55802

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.