

## General information

**Public comment period begins:** May 1, 2025  
**Public comment period ends:** May 31, 2025  
**Current permit issued:** February 25, 2020  
**Current permit expiration date:** February 25, 2025

<b>Name and address of Permittee:</b>	<b>Facility name and location:</b>	<b>MPCA contact person:</b>
New Ulm Public Utilities 310 1st St N New Ulm, Minnesota 56073-1675	New Ulm Public Utilities - Municipal Power 310 1st St N New Ulm, MN 56073-1675 Brown County T110N, R30W, Section 020	Jacqueline Hammond Industrial Division Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 520 Lafayette Road Saint Paul, MN 55155 Phone: 507-206-2639 Email: <a href="mailto:jacqueline.hammond@state.mn.us">jacqueline.hammond@state.mn.us</a>
		File manager phone: 651-757-2728 or 844-828-0942

A draft permit and technical support document 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 New Ulm Public Utilities

New Ulm Public Utilities (NUPU or Permittee) is a municipal utility that provides electricity and steam to the city of New Ulm. Total generating capacity at the facility is 76.2 MW. The facility operates three boilers: two are natural gas-fired only, while one is natural gas-fired with the ability to burn coal only after physical modification to the boiler. As of this permit reissuance, it is not permitted to burn coal. Additionally, there are two simple cycle distillate oil-fired combustion turbine generators.

Emissions at the facility consist primarily of products of combustion such as nitrogen oxides, carbon monoxide, sulfur dioxide, and particulate matter. The facility has two multiclones that control particulate matter from boilers and a water injection system to control nitrogen oxides emissions from one of the gas turbines.

The preliminary determination to reissue this Air permit is tentative.

The permit action is for operation of the facility. The permit action is the reissuance of the 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 <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	32.6	32.6	32.6	3.49	1570	10.2	155	471,738	5.32

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:  
Jacqueline Hammond  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
520 Lafayette Road  
Saint 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.