

## General information

**Public comment period begins:** May 7, 2025  
**Public comment period ends:** June 6, 2025  
**Current permit issued:** July 31, 2020  
**Current permit expiration date:** July 31, 2025

**Name and address of Permittee:**

Upsher-Smith Laboratories, LLC;  
Upsher-Smith Laboratories Inc  
6701 Evenstad Dr N  
Maple Grove, MN 55369-6026  
Hennepin County

**Facility name and location:**

Upsher-Smith Laboratories LLC  
6701 Evenstad Dr N  
Maple Grove, MN 55369-6026  
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**MPCA contact person:**

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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
520 Lafayette Rd  
St. Paul, MN 55155  
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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 Upsher-Smith Laboratories LLC

The permit action is for operation of the facility. The permit action is a major amendment for a mandatory permit reopening; therefore, the draft permit has been placed on public notice. Pursuant to Minn. R. 7007.1600, subp. 3, only the portions of the permit that are being amended are open for public comment or consideration at a meeting or hearing. Comments on other portions of the permit will not be considered by the MPCA when making the decision on whether to issue the permit.

Upsher-Smith Laboratories is a pharmaceutical production company that operates a pharmaceutical manufacturing facility at their Maple Grove headquarters, with a pilot plant also located on-site but in a separate section of the building. The primary sources of emissions from both the manufacturing plant and pilot plant altogether are six fluid bed processors, six tablet coaters, ten milling operations, many solution preparation tanks, and eleven boilers; additional staging, storage, and post-production processing activities are not expected to generate emissions.

The major amendment revises pressure drop requirements based on recent performance testing

The Permittee is not required to submit a pollution prevention progress report pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 115D.08.

The preliminary determination to modify 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:

Astera Sundance  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
520 Lafayette Rd  
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.