

Public Notice of intent to reissue and modify

Air
Permit 13700013-101

General information

Public comment period begins: May 27, 2025**Public comment period ends:** June 26, 2025**Name and address of Permittee:**Minnesota Power
502 3rd Street
Grand Rapids, MN 55744-2727**Facility name and location:**Minnesota Power - Laskin Energy
Center
5699 Colby Lake Rd
Hoyt Lakes, MN 55750
St. Louis County
T058N, R14W, Section 007**MPCA contact person:**Alfredo Rincon-Gonzalez
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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Rd
St. Paul, MN 55155
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File manager phone: 651-757-2728 or
844-828-0942

A draft permit 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 Minnesota Power - Laskin Energy

The facility is composed of two identical natural gas boilers, with a generating capacity of 110 megawatts in total and one fire pump emergency generator. The main pollutants from the facility are nitrogen oxides (NO_x) and carbon monoxide (CO).

This permit action includes a minor amendment to replace a fire pump engine with a new unit and therefore this permit action does authorize construction. The preliminary determination to reissue this air permit is tentative.

The permit action is for the operation and modification of the facility. The permit action is the reissuance 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}	Lead
Total Facility PTE	14.3	14.3	14.3	3.42	382	10.3	256	223520	9.35E-04
Emissions Increase from the new emission unit	0.02	0.03	0.03	9.86E-04	0.66	8.67E-03	0.19	108.20	0

PM = Particulate Matter

PM_{2.5} = PM, 2.5 microns and smallerNO_x = Nitrogen oxidesPM₁₀ = PM, 10 microns and smallerSO₂ = Sulfur Dioxide

VOCs = Volatile Organic Compounds

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:

Alfredo Rincon-Gonzalez
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.