

General information

Public comment period begins: May 7, 2026

Public comment period ends: June 8, 2026

Current permit issued: January 28, 2026

Current permit expiration date: January 28, 2031

Name and address of Permittee:

3M Company
 3M Center Bldg 224-5
 St. Paul, MN 55144-1001

Facility name and location:

3M Hutchinson
 905/915 Adams St SE
 Hutchinson, MN 55350
 McLeod County
 T116N, R29W, Section 006

MPCA contact person:

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A draft permit and 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 permitted activity

3M Hutchinson (3M) manufactures pressure sensitive tape and other products. Operations include manufacture of adhesives and webs, coating the webs, drying the coated webs, molding product dispensers, and converting the coated webs into products. Emission units at the facility consist of coating stations, ovens, mixing equipment, and ovens for drying and curing. The pollutants of concern at the facility are volatile organic compounds (VOC), hazardous air pollutants (HAPs), particulate matter (PM), particulate matter less than 10 microns (PM₁₀), and particulate matter less than 2.5 microns (PM_{2.5}). PM, PM₁₀, and PM_{2.5} control equipment at the facility includes fabric filters and venturi scrubbers. VOC and HAP control equipment at the facility includes thermal oxidizers and a solvent recovery unit.

This permit action is for operation of the facility. The permit action is for a major amendment for a mandatory reopening under Minn. R. 7007.1600, subp. 1(D); 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.

The permit is amended to update thermal oxidizer temperature limits and to amend performance test due dates. No facility modifications or emission increases are authorized by this permit action.

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 HAP
Total Facility Limited PTE	73.2	61.7	64.0	1.75	452	12,005	229	264,068	0.001	2,223

PM = Particulate Matter

PM_{2.5} = PM, 2.5 microns and smaller

NO_x = Nitrogen Oxides

CO = Carbon Monoxide

PM₁₀ = PM, 10 microns and smaller

SO₂ = Sulfur Dioxide

VOCs = Volatile Organic Compounds

CO_{2e} = Carbon Dioxide Equivalents as defined in Minn. R. 7007.0100

HAP = Hazardous Air Pollutant

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:

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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.