

## General information

**Public comment period begins:** June 22, 2026

**Public comment period ends:** July 22, 2026

<p><b>Name and address of Permittee:</b>                  Xcel Energy - Blue Lake                  1200 70th St S.                  MN 55379</p>	<p><b>Facility name and location:</b>                  Xcel Energy - Blue Lake                  1200 70th St S                  Shakopee, MN 55379-2100                  Scott County</p>	<p><b>MPCA contact person:</b>                  Alfredo Rincon-Gonzalez                  Industrial Division                  Minnesota Pollution Control Agency                  520 Lafayette Rd                  St. Paul, MN 55155                  Phone: 651-757-2158                  Email: <a href="mailto:alfredo.rincon.gonzalez@state.mn.us">alfredo.rincon.gonzalez@state.mn.us</a>                  File manager phone: 651-757-2728 or                  844-828-0942</p>
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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 Xcel Energy - Blue Lake

The facility is an electric generation peaking plant composed of two simple cycle stationary combustion turbine (CT) generators that combust natural gas. The CTs are rated at 174 Megawatts (MWe) each, they were installed at the facility in 2004 and are equipped with dry low-NO<sub>x</sub> combustors to inhibit NO<sub>x</sub> formation. The Permittee also operates three dual-fuel engine generators rated at 9.37 MWe each, six emergency generators, two fuel oil tanks, and paved roads as a fugitive source.

The main pollutants are products of combustion such as nitrogen oxides (NO<sub>x</sub>), carbon monoxide (CO), sulfur dioxide (SO<sub>2</sub>), volatile organic compounds (VOC), particulates (PM/PM<sub>10</sub>/PM<sub>2.5</sub>) hazardous air pollutants (HAPs), and greenhouse gases (GHG or CO<sub>2e</sub>).

This permit incorporates a permit reopening to document the performance testing results of EQUIs 23-25 conducted under Permit No. 13900010-105. The reopening does not change the underlying emission limits; it confirms compliance and documents the operating indicator values that the permit anticipated would be established after testing.

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>	Lead	Single HAP	Total HAP
Total Facility PTE	184	184	184	11.9	864	212	378	2,192,246	0.00	9.0	22.5

PM = Particulate Matter	PM <sub>10</sub> = PM, 10 microns and smaller
PM <sub>2.5</sub> = PM, 2.5 microns and smaller	SO <sub>2</sub> = Sulfur Dioxide
NO <sub>x</sub> = Nitrogen Oxides	VOCs = Volatile Organic Compounds
CO = Carbon Monoxide	CO <sub>2e</sub> = 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:  
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.