

MPCA Review Process



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Topics to be covered:

- What is a Part 70/Title V permit?
- Environmental Review



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Part 70 Permit

- Five-year operating permit required by federal statute and regulation
- Includes all applicable federal and state rules



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Compliance and Enforcement of Permit

- Self-Inspections
- Performance tests
- Quarterly reporting depending on the requirement
- Semi-annual deviation reporting
- Annual Compliance Certification



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Benefits of Permit Issuance

- One permit
- Clear expectations for company
- MPCA holds the company accountable for compliance



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Minnesota's Environmental Review Program



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Purpose of Environmental Review

- An information gathering process; (not a permitting or approval process)

What do we want to accomplish?



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- Aid in understanding the environmental impacts of projects

What do we want to accomplish?

- Make information available to governmental units and citizens early in the decision making process

What do we want to accomplish?

- A guide for governmental units in issuing, amending or denying permits

What do we want to accomplish?

Public access to decision makers:

- maintain public awareness,
- encourage accountability.

Before environmental review is complete...

- **No Permits or Approvals**
- **No Construction**

What is a project?

“... physical manipulation of the environment, directly or indirectly.”

Environmental Review Documents

- **Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)**
- **Environmental Impact Statement (EIS)**

Mandatory Categories with MPCA as RGU

- Solid waste landfills and transfer stations
- Fuel conversion facilities
- Petroleum refineries

What is an EAW?

- Brief document to assess environmental effects and mitigation.
- To determine need for EIS.

Information Included in an EAW

- Project description
- Permits and approvals
- Land use; local plans
- Sensitive resources; wildlife
- Storm water; wastewater
- Air pollution

Information Included in an EAW

- Solid or hazardous waste
- Infrastructure
- Construction (methods, erosion, noise, dust)
- Cumulative effects, including from secondary development

What happens after environmental review?

- Final memo documenting decision
- Permits issued
- Mitigation implemented



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Further Participation

- Request MPCA Board to consider permit
- Request contested case hearing



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Flint Hills' Draft Permit

Comments/Questions