

NOTICE of AIR POLLUTION COMMENT PERIOD and PUBLIC HEARING

The Michigan Department of Environmental Quality is holding a public comment period from September 23, 2008, until November 24, 2008, an informational session on October 1, 2008, and public hearings on October 29 and 30, 2008, with brief informational sessions to be held before each public hearing, on Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, Inc.'s proposed installation and operation of a 600-megawatt (MW) coal-fired steam electric power plant. The power plant will be located within the Oglebay-Norton Quarry property, Rogers Township, Presque Isle County, Michigan.

The public comment period and hearings are to allow all interested parties the opportunity to comment on the Department's proposed conditional approval of a Permit to Install (PTI) and a Notice of Maximum Achievable Control Technology (MACT) approval. The permit will establish federally enforceable MACT emission limitations and requirements pursuant to Rule 336.1299(e), promulgated pursuant to Part 55, of the Natural Resources and Environmental Protection Act, 1994 PA 451, as amended, for implementing Section 112(g) of the federal Clean Air Act.

It has been preliminarily determined that the installation of the power plant will not violate any of the Department's rules nor the National Ambient Air Quality Standards.

This proposal is subject to Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) rules and regulations for a major source based on the expected emissions of particulate matter (PM), particulate matter less than 10 microns (PM-10), particulate matter less than 2.5 microns (PM-2.5), sulfur dioxide (SO₂), nitrogen oxides (NO_x), carbon monoxide (CO), volatile organic compound (VOC), sulfuric acid (H₂SO₄), and hydrogen fluoride (HF). The proposed power plant will consume only 4.6 percent, 73.4 percent, and 12.2 percent of available increment for nitrogen oxide (NO₂), PM-10 (24-hour), and PM-10 (annual), respectively.

As of September 11, 2008, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has delegated authority to Michigan to implement the PSD rules and regulations for the construction of a new major stationary source. On January 9, 2008, the EPA noticed in the Federal Register a proposed conditional approval of the Department's Air Quality Division Part 18 Rules into Michigan's State Implementation Plan (SIP). Final action is pending. Interested parties should also be aware that on August 18, 2008, the Circuit Court for Missaukee County, Michigan declared the provisions of MAC R 336.2830 to be inapplicable to this particular proposed PTI. The Department has appealed this ruling.

Copies of the Department staff's analysis and proposed permit conditions are available for inspection at the following locations, or you may request a copy be mailed to you by calling 517-335-4607. Please reference PTI Number 317-07.

AQD Internet Home Page - <http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/cwerp.shtml>

GAYLORD: Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, 2100 West M-32, Gaylord
(Phone: 989-705-3406)

LANSING: Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, Constitution Hall, 3rd Floor, North Tower, 525 West Allegan Street, Lansing (Phone: 517-335-4607)

ROGERS CITY: City Manager's Office, 193 East Michigan Avenue, Rogers City (Phone: 989-734-2191)
Presque Isle County Clerk's Office, 151 East Huron Street, Rogers City (Phone 989-734-3288)

The public is encouraged to present written views on the proposed permit action. Written comments should be sent to Ms. Mary Ann Dolehanty, Acting Permit Section Supervisor, Department of Environmental Quality, Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 30260, Lansing, Michigan, 48909-7760. Comments may also be submitted from the webpage <http://www.deq.state.mi.us/aps/cwerp.shtml> (click on "Submit Comment" under the Wolverine Power Supply Cooperative, Inc. Permit to Install No. 317-07 listing). All statements received by November 24, 2008, will be considered by the decision maker prior to final permit action.

On October 1, 2008, an informational session in panel format will be held from 5:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. in the Rogers City High School Gymnasium, 1033 West Huron Avenue, Rogers City, Michigan. During this informational session, staff will be available to provide information and answer questions about the proposed installation and operation of a 600 megawatt coal-fired steam electric power plant.

The public hearings will be held on October 29 and 30, 2008, with formal testimony taken at that time.

On October 29, 2008, a public hearing will be held starting promptly at 7:00 p.m. in the Rogers City High School Gymnasium, 1033 West Huron Avenue, Rogers City, Michigan. Prior to the hearing, an informational session will be held in an open-house format from 5:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. in the Rogers City High School Gymnasium, 1033 West Huron Avenue, Rogers City, Michigan. Staff will be available to answer questions. The public hearing will follow at 7:00 p.m.

An additional public hearing will be held on October 30, 2008, starting promptly at 6:00 p.m. in the Rogers City High School Gymnasium, 1033 West Huron Avenue, Rogers City, Michigan. Prior to the hearing, an informational session will be held in an open-house format from 4:00 p.m. until 5:30 p.m. in the Rogers City High School Gymnasium, 1033 West Huron Avenue, Rogers City, Michigan. Staff will be available to answer questions. The public hearing will follow at 6:00 p.m.

The sole purpose of the public hearings will be to take formal testimony on the record. During testimony, questions will not be answered; however, staff will be available to answer questions outside the hearing room.

Individuals needing accommodations for effective participation at the hearing should contact Ms. Cari DeBruler at 517-335-4607 at least one week in advance to request mobility, visual, hearing, or other assistance.

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