

Public Notice: Request and Extension of Time for Comments

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7

PROPOSED

Synthetic Minor Source Permit

Thurston Manufacturing Company
PERMIT R7-TMNSR-FY16-001

Public Comment Period: February 12, 2016 – April 12, 2016

This public notice is issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 (EPA). EPA is extending the period for submitting comments on the draft Synthetic Minor Source permit for the Thurston Manufacturing Company (Permit Applicant) facility located at 1708 H Avenue, Thurston, Nebraska 68062 within the exterior boundaries of the Winnebago Indian Reservation.

Extension of time to submit comments: This comment period will end on April 12, 2016.

The Permit Applicant's facility contact is James Harral, Safety Director [Phone: 402-385-3041]. The facility produces agricultural equipment and side-dump trailers. If finalized, the EPA's issuance of this permit would regulate air pollutant emissions associated with a spray paint booth, plasma cutting table, shot blast machine, parts washer, welding operations, and fabrication machines with plasma torches.

The EPA has adopted regulations codified at 40 CFR sections 49.151 through 49.161, establishing a Federal Implementation Plan (FIP) under the Clean Air Act for Indian country. This FIP includes federal minor new source review (MNSR) regulations for the protection of air resources in Indian country. The EPA is charged with direct implementation of the program regulations where there is no approved Tribal implementation plan. This draft permit has been developed pursuant to 40 CFR § 49.158 which creates an air permitting mechanism for major sources that wish to voluntarily limit emissions to become synthetic minor sources. The draft permit includes emission limits that reduce the facility's potential emissions of volatile organic compounds (VOC), hazardous air pollutants (HAP), particulate matter (PM), PM₁₀, and PM_{2.5} to less than major source thresholds. The draft permit includes monitoring, recordkeeping and reporting requirements necessary to assure compliance with the emission limits.

HOW TO PROVIDE COMMENTS: Any interested individual may submit written comments on EPA's draft permit for the Thurston Manufacturing Company facility. Comments must specify any reasonable ascertainable issue with supporting arguments in writing by mail or e-mail to:

Bob Webber - Tribal NSR Coordinator
Air Permitting & Compliance Branch
Air and Waste Management Division
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7
11201 Renner Boulevard
Lenexa, KS 66219
Phone: 913-551-7251
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The EPA will consider and respond to all comments received by the end of the comment period in making the final decision regarding the issuing of the permit. Similar comments may be grouped together in the response, and the EPA will not respond to individual commenters directly.

Please note that all comments will be included in the administrative record without change, and may be made available to the public, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Thus, CBI or other protected information should be clearly identified as such, and should not be submitted through email. Emails sent directly to the EPA will capture your email address automatically and will be included as a part of the public comment. *Please note that an email or postal address must be provided with your comments if you wish to receive responses to comments submitted during the public comment period and direct notification of EPA's final decision regarding the permit.* An extension of this comment period may be granted if the request adequately demonstrates why additional time is required to prepare comments.

Will there be a Public Hearing? If EPA determines that there is a significant amount of public interest in the draft permit, the EPA will hold a public hearing. Any request for a public hearing must be in writing by mail or e-mail and must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. The request must be received by the end of the comment period. If a public hearing is held, the public comment period will automatically be extended to the close of the public hearing.

Availability of Permit Information: You may review copies of the draft permit and supporting documents at the following locations:

EPA website: <http://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/draft-synthetic-minor-tribal-air-permit-thurston-manufacturing>

and

EPA Region 7
11201 Renner Boulevard
Lenexa, KS 66219
Hours: Mon-Fri 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Contact: Bob Webber at 913-551-7251 or webber.robert@epa.gov

and

Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska - Environmental Office
Building 1 Mission Rd.
Winnebago, NE 68071
Hours: Mon-Fri 8:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Contact: Joseph Painter at 402-878-4060 x1001 or joseph.painter@winnebagotribe.com

What happens next?

The EPA will review and consider all comments received during the comment period. Following this review, the EPA may issue the permit as drafted, issue a modified permit based on comments, or deny the permit. The final permit action will be in accordance with 40 CFR section 49.159 and posted on the EPA website.