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REPLY TO THE ATTENTION OF:

Ms. Adriane Lenshek
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RE: Signed Addendum to the 1997 Implementation Agreement for Air Quality
Construction/Operating Permits Program

Dear Ms. Lenshek:

Please find enclosed your signed copy of the Addendum to the 1997 Implementation Agreement between the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Region V: Air Quality Construction/Operating Permits Program.

The enclosed Addendum establishes procedures to allow for MPCA to use a shortened EPA review period under certain specific circumstances as described in the Addendum. The shortened EPA review period supports MPCA efforts to reduce the time needed to issue permits, yet ensures the EPA has adequate time to review the permits.

Thank you for working with us in developing the Addendum. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at (312) 353-4761 or Jennifer Darrow at (312) 886-6315.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Genevieve Damico".

Genevieve Damico
Chief
Air Permits Section
Air and Radiation Division

Enclosure

**Addendum to 1997 Implementation Agreement Between the
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the United States
Environmental Protection Agency Region V:
Air Quality Construction /Operating Permits Program**

**Streamlining the Public Comment Period and EPA Review Period:
Part 70 Permit EPA Review Period Procedures**

The MPCA rules governing EPA Review and Objection are contained in Minn. R. 7007.0950. The USEPA Review Period is also described in Section III.J.5-7 of the 1997 Implementation Agreement Between the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency and the United States Environmental Protection Agency Region 5: Air Quality Construction/Operating Permits Program.

This addendum to the 1997 Implementation Agreement further establishes procedures to ensure streamlined public comment and EPA review periods for Part 70 permits. For each Part 70 Air Emissions Permit, the MPCA and USEPA agree to the following EPA Review Period procedures for draft and proposed Part 70 Air Emissions Permits.

Public Comment Period

When a draft part 70 permit is prepared for public notice, the MPCA will provide a copy of the draft permit and technical support document (TSD) by email to Region 5 at the start of the public comment period.

EPA Review Period

At the end of the public comment period, the MPCA will provide a copy of the proposed permit and TSD by email to Region 5 to start the EPA Review Period. The EPA agrees to a reduced EPA review period as described under the following conditions.

1. When there are no comments received by MPCA during the public comment period and there are no changes made to the permit, the EPA review period will end 15 days after the permit is proposed to Region 5.
2. When there are comments received by the MPCA during the public comment period and there are no changes made to the permit, the EPA review period will end 15 days after the permit is proposed to EPA. The MPCA will inform commenters in writing of the end date of the Part 70 petition period. The MPCA will include in the TSD for the proposed permit: the comments received, the MPCA response to comments, and a discussion of the Part 70 petition period, including the end date of the 60 day public petition period based on the end date of the EPA review period.

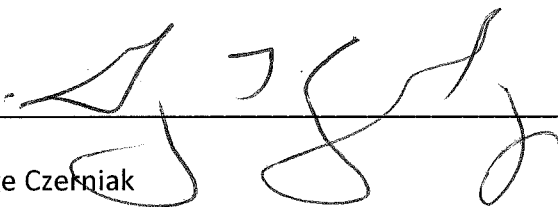
3. When there are comments received by MPCA and the permit is revised, the MPCA will determine whether a new public comment period is needed based on the types of changes to the permit. For example, if the changes are only administrative in nature, the MPCA will not conduct a new public comment period and the EPA review period will end 45 days after the permit is proposed to Region 5. If the MPCA decides to conduct a new public comment period, the MPCA will initiate the public comment period and follow the procedures as described above. If a new public comment period is not needed, the EPA review period will end 45 days after the permit is proposed to Region 5.
4. Notwithstanding paragraphs 1 through 3 above, Region 5 can request, within 10 days from the date of the proposed permit, and MPCA will grant, a review period that ends 45 days after MPCA proposes the permit to Region 5.



Date:

7/14/15

Don A. Smith, Manager
Air Quality Permits Section
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency



Date:

8/11/15

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Director
Air and Radiation Division, Region 5
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