

Public Notice: Request For Comments

Proposed Air Quality Permit to Construct Montana Dakota Utilities Company Poplar Oil Field Substation (with Emergency Generator)

Notice issued: August 31, 2020

Written comments due:
5 p.m., September 30, 2020

Where is the facility located?

Fort Peck Indian Reservation
Montana Dakota Utilities Company
Poplar Oil Field Substation (with
Emergency Generator):
Roosevelt County, Montana
SE/SE ¼ Sec 30 T29N R51E
Latitude 48.230230
Longitude -105.126829

What is being proposed?

The EPA is proposing to approve installation of 3,285 horsepower diesel-fired emergency generator engine and a diesel fuel storage tank not to exceed 2,000 gallons to provide emergency power to an existing Poplar Oil Field Substation site, on Indian country lands within the Fort Peck Indian Reservation in Montana. The substation currently does not operate any air pollutant emissions units. The proposed project is estimated to be a true minor source of criteria pollutants with respect to the Minor New Source Review (MNSR) Permit Program at 40 CFR part 49.

The proposed permit establishes installation, configuration, operation and maintenance requirements for one compression ignition internal combustion engine used to drive an emergency electric power generator and one horizontal diesel fuel storage tank, as well as our review of existing relevant regulations and existing federal and state permits for similar types of operations.

What are the effects on air quality?

The estimated net allowable emissions increases for this project, at 16.47 tons per year (tpy) nitrogen oxides, 2.33 tpy carbon monoxide and less than 1 tpy for the rest of the criteria pollutants, are all well below the major source Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD)

permitting thresholds for all criteria pollutants, and the location is a remote rural area with few, if any, sensitive receptors, such as residential developments, schools, hospitals, etc. Therefore, the impacts to local air quality from the proposed project are not expected to be significant and should not have an adverse impact on attainment of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards or cause or contribute to PSD increment violation.

Permit number:
TMNSR-FP-000011-2020.001

How can I review documents?

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, you may view an electronic copy of the proposed permit and related documents online at the websites cited below. Information is also available by emailing or speaking with the following contacts:

Assiniboine and Sioux Tribes
Environmental Programs Office
Attn: Martina Wilson, Environmental
Director, at (406) 768-2329
or martinawilson@fortpecktribes.net

U.S. EPA Region 8 Office:
Contact: Suman Kunwar,
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at (303) 312-6095
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U.S. EPA Region 8 Website:
<https://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/caa-permit-public-comment-opportunities-region-8>

Where can I send comments?

The EPA accepts comments by mail, e-mail and through
<https://www.regulations.gov> (Docket ID #EPA-R08-OAR-2020-0236).

U.S. EPA Region 8 Air and Radiation
Division, 8ARD-PM
Attn: Federal Minor NSR Coordinator
1595 Wynkoop Street,
Denver, CO 80202
R8AirPermitting@epa.gov

What happens next?

The EPA will review and consider all comments received during the comment period. Following this review, the EPA may issue the permits as proposed, issue modified permits based on comments or deny the permits.

Tribal Minor New Source Review in Indian Country



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<https://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/tribal-nsr-permits-region-8>