

Public Notice: Request for Comments U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 7

PROPOSED

Synthetic Minor Source Permit

Pender Municipal Power Plant
PERMIT R7-TMNSR-2018-001

Public Comment Period: August 30, 2018 – September 30, 2018

This public notice is issued by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 7 (EPA). EPA is seeking comments on the draft Synthetic Minor Source permit for the Pender Municipal Power Plant (Permit Applicant) located at 205 North 3rd Street (NE Corner of Ivan St. and N 3rd St.), Pender, Nebraska 68047 within the exterior boundaries of the Omaha Indian Reservation. The Permit Applicant's facility contact is Bruce Paeper, Utilities Superintendent [Phone: 402-922-0999]. The facility is operated as a peak/standby plant. Electrical power can be generated quickly during peak electrical energy demands or during emergencies. If finalized, the EPA's issuance of this permit would regulate air pollutant emissions associated with the operation of three (3) dual-fuel and one (1) diesel-only, compression ignition (CI) engine-generators with a total capacity of approximately 5,080 kW (7,120 HP).

The EPA has adopted regulations codified at 40 CFR sections 49.151 through 49.165, 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 nitrogen oxides (NO_x) 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 Pender Municipal Power Plant. 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 30-day 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 the 30-day comment period may be granted if the request for an extension 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 30-day 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: <https://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/status-tribal-air-permits-region-7>

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

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.