

FACT SHEET

United States and the States of North Dakota and Wyoming v. MPLX LP (D.Utah)

On April 20, 2023, the United States, the State of North Dakota, and the State of Wyoming lodged a Consent Decree that settles claims against MPLX LP (MPLX) pursuant to the Clean Air Act (CAA) and state air pollution control laws at seven natural gas processing plants and three compressor stations located in North Dakota, Wyoming, and on the Uintah and Ouray Reservation in Utah.

This settlement is part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) national compliance initiative to create cleaner air for communities by reducing excess emissions of harmful air pollutants. The States of North Dakota and Wyoming partnered with the EPA to reach this agreement.

The settlement was filed in the U.S. District Court for the District of Utah on April 20, 2023, simultaneously with a complaint alleging that the company's oil and gas production operations violated certain requirements to control volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from natural gas processing plants and VOC and hazardous air pollutant (HAP) emissions from compressor stations. The settlement requires MPLX to pay a \$2 million civil penalty and strengthen its leak detection and repair (LDAR) practices at all seven natural gas processing plants owned by MPLX in the region and implement extensive design, operation, and maintenance improvements at nine compressor stations and the Robinson Lake Gas Plant.

Specifically, at the seven natural gas plants, MPLX will, among other things, install low-emission equipment, implement innovative repair technologies, and use optical gas imaging technology to identify and repair leaks more quickly. At the compressor stations, MPLX will develop and implement enhanced catalyst operations and maintenance procedures, conduct more frequent performance testing on engines, and install and operate an automatic shutdown on the glycol dehydrator at the Wonsits Valley Compressor Station in Utah and the Robinson Lake Gas Plant in North Dakota to prevent emissions during flare downtime.

MPLX will also mitigate past excess emissions by installing control equipment at the Flat Rock Compressor Station in Utah, conducting enhanced monitoring of residue gas and compressor stations at sites in North Dakota, Wyoming, and Utah, installing pig ramps and high-low jumpers at various sites, and plugging and remediating four abandoned wells in North Dakota.

The MPLX facilities involved in the settlement emit VOCs, nitrogen oxides (NO_x), HAPs, and greenhouse gases including methane into the atmosphere. When fully implemented, the settlement will reduce ozone-producing air pollution by an estimated 95 tons per year and greenhouse gases by 3,850 tons per year of carbon dioxide equivalent, including methane. The emission reductions achieved through these settlements will directly benefit air quality and residents in rural and tribal communities in North Dakota, Wyoming, and Utah. More information related to this case may be found here: <https://www.epa.gov/enforcement/2023-mplx-lp-clean-air-act-settlement-information-sheet>.