



# MINNESOTA PIPE TRADES ASSOCIATION

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Composed of Journeyman and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry  
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District 28

March 27, 2024

Environmental Protection Agency  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, IL 60604-3507

On behalf of the Minnesota Pipe Trades Association, I write in support of the City of St. Paul's Clean Heat St. Paul. The proposal by the City of St. Paul and resulting project will reduce emissions in Saint Paul, reduce price volatility for District Energy St. Paul customers, and the construction project will result in livable wage Jobs for our members.

Minnesota Pipe Trades Association is an umbrella organization representing nearly 10,000 men and women working in piping related industries throughout Minnesota. Our members perform mechanical construction and repair work, including plumbing, pipefitting, and fire protection. The energy sector is critical for our members who build, maintain and repair thermal power-plants – including coal, gas and nuclear, along with petroleum and renewable fuel refineries and pipelines.

The energy transition is going to be challenging for those who have spent their careers working in the traditional energy sector. A "just transition" means ensuring that we are accounting for their unique skill sets and affording them opportunities to contribute to the low-carbon energy sector.

The emergence of new technologies, including wastewater heat recovery projects, are critical components of our future energy sources.

The Minnesota Pipe Trades Association intends to play a large role in energy transition, and wholly support the entrepreneurial approach of capturing wastewater effluent heat for district energy systems.

District Energy St. Paul, the City of St. Paul, and Ramsey County Workforce Solutions are great partners of the Minnesota Pipe Trades Association and our members. We look forward to further strengthening our relationship as we work together creating pathways into union apprenticeships for Saint Paul residents.

Sincerely,

  
David Ybarra, President