

Public Notice of an Air Pollution Control Permit Application Review

Facility Description

We Energies Paris Rice Generating Station, to be located at 13605 1st Street, Paris, Kenosha County, Wisconsin, FID 252304470, submitted to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) a permit application, including plans and specifications for construction of seven natural gas-fired reciprocating internal combustion engine electrical generating units, an emergency generator, a natural gas heater and other miscellaneous emission units and operation of an electric generation facility.

Air pollution control construction permit no. 24-DMM-064.

Air pollution control operation permit no. 25230447A-P01.

Application Review

DNR has prepared an analysis and made a preliminary determination that the application meets state and federal air pollution control requirements and that the permit may be approved. You can view the permit application, the DNR's analysis, preliminary determination and draft permit, and other materials considered by the department using the Air Permit Search Tool located at <https://dnr.wisconsin.gov/topic/AirPermits/Search.html> or by contacting Dave Minkey at (920) 585-0277 or by e-mail at David.Minkey@wisconsin.gov.

For questions about the permit application or the DNR's analysis, preliminary determination and draft permit please contact Dave Minkey at (920) 585-0277 or by e-mail at David.Minkey@wisconsin.gov.

The department has made the determination under ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code, that this type of proposal normally does not have the potential to cause significant adverse environmental or secondary effects.

A final environmental impact statement (FEIS) for the project was jointly prepared by the Public Service Commission of Wisconsin and the DNR. The FEIS for this project can be found at the Public Service Commission website at: <https://apps.psc.wi.gov/pages/viewdoc.htm?docid=527759>.

This is a preliminary determination and does not constitute a final approval from the Air Management Program or any other DNR sections which may also require a review of the project.

Public Comments

Interested persons wishing to submit written comments on the application or the DNR's review of it should do so within 30 days of publication of this notice. Posting and Public Comment Deadline dates can also be found on "Air permit public notices" web page located at https://apps.dnr.wi.gov/warp_ext/public_notice.aspx. Comments or request for hearing should be sent to Dave Minkey at David.Minkey@wisconsin.gov or to:

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, Green Bay Service Center, 2984 Shawano Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727. Attn.: Dave Minkey.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to ss. 285.13(1), 285.61(7), and 285.62(5) Wis. Stats., DNR will hold a public hearing to receive public comments on the air pollution control construction permit application described herein.

The public hearing will be held on April 7, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.

This hearing will be held virtually. Participants can join the hearing via Zoom Remote Conferencing as described below.

Participants are encouraged to register for the hearing in advance using the link below:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88317016677>

Participants can join the hearing online: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88317016677>

Meeting ID: 883-1701-6677

Participants can join the hearing via telephone: Call 312-626-6799
Enter 883-1701-6677 followed by #

All comments received by the DNR at the public hearing, and prior to the close of the comment period, will be considered prior to making a final decision regarding the proposed project. After the close of the public comment period, a final decision will be made on whether to issue or deny the air pollution control permit. Information on the public commenting and hearing process is available at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/AirPermits/Process.html>.

Reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided upon request.

For Part-70 sources, the operation permit will not be issued until after the United States Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) has an opportunity to review a proposed permit for 45 days. DNR will provide a proposed permit to US EPA and post the start date of the US EPA 45-day review period on the Internet at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/AirPermits/Search.html>. Unless US EPA objects in writing within the 45-day review period, DNR will issue the final operation permit as proposed. Any person may petition the US EPA under 40 CFR Part 70.8(d) within 60 days after the expiration of US EPA's 45-day review period to make an objection to the operation permit.

Notice: Any information, including personal or contact information, submitted to the department may be considered a public record. Records may be publicly disclosed either in paper form or electronically and could be searchable on the Internet.

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DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
For the Secretary

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