Public Notice: Request For Comments

EPA proposes to issue an Air Quality Permit to Operate for Grand Casino Hinckley on the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Reservation

The EPA is proposing to issue a draft air quality permit to operate and invites the public to submit written comments on this proposed permit through the processes described in this notice.

It is the EPA's responsibility as the permitting authority to act on the facility's air permit application and issue the operating permit, because the facility is located on the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Reservation and because the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibwe Reservation does not have an EPA-approved permitting program.

When are written comments due?

The comment period closes on October 19, 2026.

What is being proposed?

The EPA proposes to issue a renewed federal Clean Air Act Title V Permit to Operate in accordance with 40 Code of Federal Regulations, Part 71, for:

Grand Casino Hinckley
777 Lady Luck Drive
Hinckley, Minnesota 55037

The facility is a casino that owns and operates three non-emergency diesel-fired internal combustion electric generator sets that provide peak load management and backup power for the casino and that emit regulated air pollutants. The facility also owns and operates two diesel-fired emergency internal combustion engine generator sets used for backup power for the casino and that emit regulated air pollutants. This permitting action allows the facility to continue operating for another five (5) years but does not authorize an increase in emissions.

How can I review documents?

You can review the draft Operating Permit, the Statement of Basis, the application, and other supporting materials, including all data submitted by the applicant, at the following locations during which the record will be open for public inspection:

United States Environmental Protection Agency
77 W. Jackson Blvd.
Chicago, IL 60604
Hours: 8:15am-4:45pm, excluding federal holidays]

Electronic copies may also be accessed and viewed at:

https://www.regulations.gov/

(Docket ID [EPA-R05-OAR-2026-6238])

For TTY users: please call the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-877-8339.

How can I make comments?

The EPA will accept written comments by e-mail to R5AirPermits@epa.gov (include Comments on Draft Permit for Grand Casino Hinckley in the subject line); through https://www.regulations.gov (Docket ID: [EPA-R05-OAR-2026-6238]); and by mail to the address below:

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How do I get additional information?

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Will there be a public hearing?

No public hearing has been scheduled; however, you may request a public hearing. A request for a hearing must be submitted within fifteen (15) days of this notice and must include the nature of the issues to be raised at the hearing. EPA will base its decision on whether a hearing will be held upon a showing of a significant degree of public interest.

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, issue the permit with revisions, or deny the permit.