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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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H. F. No. 248

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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

1.1 A bill for an act  
1.2 relating to environment; requiring Pollution Control Agency to hold a public  
1.3 hearing under certain circumstances; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section  
1.4 115.071, by adding a subdivision.

1.5 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.6 Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 115.071, is amended by adding a subdivision  
1.7 to read:

1.8 Subd. 3a. **Public hearing.** The commissioner, before finalizing a stipulation agreement  
1.9 or consent decree with a facility, must hold a public hearing at a convenient time at a location  
1.10 near the facility to inform the public of the nature and extent of the alleged violations  
1.11 committed by the facility and to take testimony from the public, including those persons  
1.12 potentially exposed to emissions from the facility.

1.13 **EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.