

7001.0150 TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PERMITS.

Subpart 1. **Term of permit.** Unless specifically otherwise provided by statute or rule, an agency permit is issued for a term not to exceed five years.

Subp. 2. **Special conditions.** Each draft and final permit must contain conditions necessary for the permittee to achieve compliance with applicable Minnesota or federal statutes or rules, including each of the applicable requirements in parts 7045.0450 to 7045.0649 and 7045.1390, and any conditions that the agency determines to be necessary to protect human health and the environment. If applicable to the circumstances, the conditions must include:

A. A schedule of compliance that leads to compliance with the appropriate Minnesota or federal statute or rule. The schedule of compliance must require compliance in the shortest reasonable period of time or by a specified deadline if required by Minnesota or federal statute or rule. If appropriate, the schedule of compliance must include interim dates, which in no case may be separated by more than one year. A permit with a schedule of compliance must require the submission to the commissioner of progress reports. The progress reports must be submitted not later than 14 days after each interim and final date of compliance regarding the permittee's compliance or noncompliance with the schedule of compliance and they must explain any instance of noncompliance and state the actions that have been taken to correct the noncompliance.

B. Requirements for monitoring and testing and reporting of monitoring and testing results. Monitoring and testing requirements must specify the type, interval, and frequency of monitoring and testing activities that are sufficient to yield representative data to determine whether there is compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit or compliance with Minnesota and federal pollution control statutes and rules. As appropriate, the permit must contain requirements for the proper use, maintenance, and installation of monitoring and testing equipment or methods. The permit must require the permittee to keep accurate records of monitoring and testing activities and to submit to the commissioner periodic reports of monitoring results required by the permit and, as requested by the commissioner, the results of other monitoring and testing undertaken by the permittee that are related to compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit or compliance with Minnesota and federal pollution control statutes and rules. Reporting of monitoring results must contain the certification in part 7001.0070.

C. A requirement that the permittee retain the following items for at least three years from the date of the sample, measurement, report, certification, or application, after which time this period must be automatically extended during the course of an unresolved enforcement action or at the request of the commissioner:

- (1) copies of all reports required by the conditions of the permit;

(2) calibration and maintenance records and all original strip chart recordings for continuous monitoring instrumentation;

(3) records of the date, exact location, and time of monitoring and testing which is related to compliance with the terms and conditions of the permit or compliance with Minnesota and federal pollution control statutes and rules, the name of the individual who performed the sampling or measurements, the date the analysis was performed, the name of the individual who performed the analysis, the analytical techniques or methods used, and the results of the analysis;

(4) if applicable, reports required by part 7001.0720, subpart 2, item E; and

(5) if applicable, the certification required by part 7045.0478, subpart 3.

D. A requirement that all documents and reports, including monitoring reports, submitted to the agency for any reason by the permittee, are signed by the permittee or the duly authorized representative of the permittee. For hazardous waste facility permits, duly authorized representative is defined by part 7001.0720.

Subp. 3. **General conditions.** Unless specifically exempted by statute or rule, each draft and final permit must include the following general conditions and the agency shall incorporate these conditions into all permits either expressly or by specific reference to this part:

A. The agency's issuance of a permit does not release the permittee from any liability, penalty, or duty imposed by Minnesota or federal statutes or rules or local ordinances, except the obligation to obtain the permit.

B. The agency's issuance of a permit does not prevent the future adoption by the agency of pollution control rules, standards, or orders more stringent than those now in existence and does not prevent the enforcement of these rules, standards, or orders against the permittee.

C. The permit does not convey a property right or an exclusive privilege.

D. The agency's issuance of a permit does not obligate the agency to enforce local laws, rules, or plans beyond that authorized by Minnesota statutes.

E. The permittee shall perform the actions or conduct the activity authorized by the permit in accordance with the plans and specifications approved by the agency and in compliance with the conditions of the permit.

F. The permittee shall at all times properly operate and maintain the facilities and systems of treatment and control and the appurtenances related to them which are installed or used by the permittee to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit. Proper operation and maintenance includes effective performance, adequate funding, adequate operator staffing and training, and adequate laboratory and process controls, including

appropriate quality assurance procedures. The permittee shall install and maintain appropriate backup or auxiliary facilities if they are necessary to achieve compliance with the conditions of the permit and, for all permits other than hazardous waste facility permits, if these backup or auxiliary facilities are technically and economically feasible.

G. The permittee may not knowingly make a false or misleading statement, representation, or certification in a record, report, plan, or other document required to be submitted to the agency or to the commissioner by the permit. The permittee shall immediately upon discovery report to the commissioner an error or omission in these records, reports, plans, or other documents.

H. The permittee shall, when requested by the commissioner, submit within a reasonable time the information and reports that are relevant to the control of pollution regarding the construction, modification, or operation of the facility covered by the permit or regarding the conduct of the activity covered by the permit.

I. When authorized by Minnesota Statutes, sections 115.04; 115B.17, subdivision 4; and 116.091, and upon presentation of proper credentials, the agency, or an authorized employee or agent of the agency, shall be allowed by the permittee to enter at reasonable times upon the property of the permittee to examine and copy books, papers, records, or memoranda pertaining to the construction, modification, or operation of the facility covered by the permit or pertaining to the activity covered by the permit; and to conduct surveys and investigations, including sampling or monitoring, pertaining to the construction, modification, or operation of the facility covered by the permit or pertaining to the activity covered by the permit.

J. If the permittee discovers, through any means, including notification by the agency, that noncompliance with a condition of the permit has occurred, the permittee shall take all reasonable steps to minimize the adverse impacts on human health, public drinking water supplies, or the environment resulting from the noncompliance.

K. If the permittee discovers that noncompliance with a condition of the permit has occurred which could endanger human health, public drinking water supplies, or the environment, the permittee shall, within 24 hours of the discovery of the noncompliance, orally notify the commissioner. Within five days of the discovery of the noncompliance, the permittee shall submit to the commissioner a written description of the noncompliance; the cause of the noncompliance; the exact dates of the period of the noncompliance; if the noncompliance has not been corrected, the anticipated time it is expected to continue; and steps taken or planned to reduce, eliminate, and prevent reoccurrence of the noncompliance.

L. The permittee shall report noncompliance with the permit not reported under item K as a part of the next report which the permittee is required to submit under this permit. If no reports are required within 30 days of the discovery of the noncompliance,

the permittee shall submit the information listed in item K within 30 days of the discovery of the noncompliance.

M. The permittee shall give advance notice to the commissioner as soon as possible of planned physical alterations or additions to the permitted facility or activity that may result in noncompliance with a Minnesota or federal pollution control statute or rule or a condition of the permit.

N. The permit is not transferable to any person without the express written approval of the agency after compliance with the requirements of part 7001.0190. A person to whom the permit has been transferred shall comply with the conditions of the permit.

O. The permit authorizes the permittee to perform the activities described in the permit under the conditions of the permit. In issuing the permit, the state and agency assume no responsibility for damage to persons, property, or the environment caused by the activities of the permittee in the conduct of its actions, including those activities authorized, directed, or undertaken under the permit. To the extent the state and agency may be liable for the activities of its employees, that liability is explicitly limited to that provided in the Tort Claims Act, Minnesota Statutes, section 3.736.

P. Compliance with a RCRA permit during its term constitutes compliance, for purposes of enforcement, with subtitle C of RCRA except for those requirements not included in the permit which:

(1) become effective by statute;

(2) are adopted under part 7045.1390, restricting the placement of hazardous wastes in or on the land;

(3) are adopted under parts 7045.0450 to 7045.0551 regarding leak detection systems for new and replacement surface impoundment, waste pile, and landfill units, and lateral expansions of surface impoundment, waste pile, and landfill units. The leak detection system requirements include double liners, construction quality assurance programs, monitoring, action leakage rates, and response action plans, and will be implemented through the procedures of part 7001.0730, minor permit modifications; or

(4) are adopted under parts 7045.0645, 7045.0647, and 7045.0648, limiting air emissions.

Statutory Authority: *MS s 115.03; 116.07; 116.37*

History: *8 SR 2278; 11 SR 1832; L 1987 c 186 s 15; 13 SR 1238; 18 SR 1886; 29 SR 947; 33 SR 2042*

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