

March 19, 2024

Mr. Dennis Egan  
CEO  
Epitome Energy, LLC  
1651 Old Highway 19  
Redwing, MN 55066

Re: Air Pollution Control  
Draft Permit to Construct No. ACP-18210 v1.0

Dear Mr. Egan:

Pursuant to the Air Pollution Control Rules of the State of North Dakota, the Department of Environmental Quality (Department) has reviewed the permit application dated June 2, 2023, and revised on August 25, 2023, to obtain a Permit to Construct for initial construction and operation of the Epitome Energy LLC soybean processing plant to be located in Grand Forks County, North Dakota.

Before making final determination on the draft Permit to Construct, the Department must solicit public comment by means of the enclosed public notice. As indicated in the notice, the public comment period will begin on March 28, 2024, and end on April 27, 2024. The Department's analysis and a draft copy of the Permit to Construct may be found at <https://deq.nd.gov/AQ/PublicCom.aspx>. The documents will be posted on or before March 28, 2024.

All comments received will be considered in the final determination concerning issuance of the permit. You will be notified in writing of our final determination.

If you have any questions, please contact me at (701)328-5229 or [destroh@nd.gov](mailto:destroh@nd.gov).

Sincerely,



David Stroh  
Manager, Permit Program  
Division of Air Quality

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xc: EPA Region Permit 8 email ([r8airpermitting@epa.gov](mailto:r8airpermitting@epa.gov))

NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE AN  
AIR POLLUTION CONTROL  
PERMIT TO CONSTRUCT

Take notice that the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (NDDEQ) proposes to issue an Air Pollution Control Permit to Construct to Epitome Energy, LLC (Epitome) in accordance with the North Dakota Air Pollution Control Rules. The proposed air pollution control permit is for initial construction and operation of a soybean processing plant to be located in Grand Forks County, North Dakota.

Preliminary evaluations made by Department staff indicate that the project will comply with all applicable Air Pollution Control Rules and there will be no detrimental/significant effects to air quality. Predicted concentrations in the air surrounding the facility are expected to be below the state and federal ambient air quality standards, which are standards that are set at a level to protect human health and the environment.

An air dispersion modeling analysis was conducted to determine the cumulative impact from the Epitome plant, other nearby sources of significance, and background. Modeled impacts were below ambient air quality standards for each modeled pollutant, as follows: 25% of the PM<sub>10</sub> 24-hour standard, 55% of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> 24-hour standard, and 67% of the PM<sub>2.5</sub> annual standard. More detail regarding the projected modeled impacts can be found in the NDDEQ's Air Quality Impacts Analysis.

A 30-day public comment period for the proposed permit to construct will begin March 28, 2024, and end on April 27, 2024. Direct comments in writing, including Re: Public Comment Permit Number ACP-18210 v1.0, to AirQuality@nd.gov or the NDDEQ, Division of Air Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324. Emailed comments must be sent to the email address above to be considered. Comments must be received by 11:59 p.m. central time on the last day of the public comment period to be considered in the final permit determination.

In accordance with NDAC 33.1-15-14-02, a public information meeting and public hearing regarding issuance of the Air Pollution Control Permit to Construct will be held April 23, 2024, beginning at 5:30 p.m. CDT Grand Forks City Hall, 255 N 4th St, Grand Forks, ND 58203.

The application, NDDEQ's Air Quality Effects Analysis, NDDEQ's Air Quality Impacts Analysis, and NDDEQ's proposed air pollution control permit are available for review at NDDEQ's office and on-line at <http://deq.nd.gov/AQ/PublicCom.aspx>. A copy of these documents may be obtained by writing to the Division of Air Quality or contacting David Stroh at (701)328 5229 or by email at [destroh@nd.gov](mailto:destroh@nd.gov).

The NDDEQ will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility or other accommodation for people with disabilities, language interpretation for people with limited English proficiency (LEP), and translations of written material necessary to access programs and information. Language assistance services are available free of charge to you.

To request accommodations or language assistance, contact the NDDEQ Non-discrimination/EJ Coordinator at 701-328-5150 or [deqEJ@nd.gov](mailto:deqEJ@nd.gov). TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

Dated this 19<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024

James L. Semerad  
Director  
Division of Air Quality