

September 10, 2025

Steve Lattimer
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Re:

Air Pollution Control

Draft Permit to Construct No. ACP-18296 v1.0

Dear Mr. Lattimer:

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 December 3, 2024, to obtain a Permit to Construct for the Applied Digital Corporation ELN Generation Plant, located in Dickey 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 September 11, 2025, and end October 11, 2025. 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 September 11, 2025.

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 email destroh@nd.gov.

Sincerely,

David Stroh

Manager, Permit Program Division of Air Quality

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EPA Region 8, Air Permitting (email – r8airpermitting@epa.gov)

Eric Hodek, Ramboll (email – ehodek@ramboll.com)

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 Applied Digital Corporation (Applied Digital) for the construction of sixty emergency generators at the ELN Generation Plant (facility) in accordance with the North Dakota Air Pollution Control Rules. The facility is located in Dickey County, North Dakota.

Preliminary evaluations of non-emergency operating scenarios made by Department staff indicate that the facility will comply with all applicable Air Pollution Control Rules and there will be no detrimental 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. 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 September 11, 2025, and end October 11, 2025. Direct comments in writing, including Re: Public Comment Permit Number ACP-18296 v1.0, to AirQuality@nd.gov or the NDDEQ, Division of Air Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, 2nd 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.

A public meeting regarding issuance of the Permit to Construct will be held if a significant degree of public interest exists as determined by NDDEQ. Requests for a public meeting must be received in writing by NDDEQ before the end of the public comment period. The application, NDDEQ analysis and draft permit are available for review at the above address 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 Rhannon Thorton at (701)328-5271 or emailing rthorton@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, contact NDDEQ's Non-discrimination Coordinator at 701-328-5150 or deqEJ@nd.gov. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

Dated this 10th day of September 2025

James L. Semerad Director Division of Air Quality