
November 5, 2025

Mr. Christopher Ashworth
Plant Manager
Dakota Yeast, LLC
18175 Red River Road West
Wahpeton, ND 58075

Re: Air Pollution Control
Draft Permit to Construct No. ACP-18297 v1.0

Dear Mr. Ashworth:

Pursuant to the Air Pollution Control Rules of the State of North Dakota, the Department of Environmental Quality (Department) has reviewed the permit application received March 28, 2025, to obtain a Permit to Construct at the Dakota Yeast, LLC facility located in Richland County, North Dakota. The application requested the removal of the synthetic minor limits for acetaldehyde and volatile organic compounds and construct an additional fermenter (EU 5).

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 November 7, 2025, and end December 6, 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 November 6, 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)328-1337 or email kmthorsteinson@nd.gov.

Sincerely,



Kari Thorsteinson
Environmental Scientist
Division of Air Quality

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xc/enc: EPA Region 8, Air Permitting (email – 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 Dakota Yeast, LLC in accordance with the North Dakota Air Pollution Control Rules. The permit to construct will allow for the construction of a fermenter and remove the synthetic minor limits for acetaldehyde and volatile organic compound, therefore reclassifying the facility as a major source of HAPs and a Title V major source. The facility operates in Richland County in North Dakota. The Dakota Yeast, LLC mailing address is 18175 Red River Road West, Wahpeton, North Dakota 58075.

Preliminary evaluations made by Department staff indicate that the plant 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.

A 30-day public comment period for the proposed permit to construct will begin November 7, 2025, and end December 6, 2025. Direct comments in writing, including Re: Public Comment Permit Number ACP-18297 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 Kari Thorsteinson at (701)328-1337 or emailing kmthorsteinson@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 5th day of November 2025

James L. Semerad
Director
Division of Air Quality