

**State of Wisconsin
Department of Natural Resources**

PUBLIC NOTICE ON:

- (I) THE PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE JUNE 7, 2007 EXTENDED COOPERATIVE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT (AGREEMENT) BETWEEN THE WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES (DNR) AND NORTHERN ENGRAVING CORPORATION (NEC);
- (II) THE PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION TO RENEW THE AIR POLLUTION CONTROL OPERATION PERMITS FOR NEC'S SPARTA AND HOLMEN FACILITIES;
- (III) A PUBLIC HEARING ON THE ABOVE.

(I). Proposed Amendment to a Cooperative Environmental Agreement

On April 30, 2007, pursuant to Sec. 299.80 (6e), DNR notified the Joint Committee on Finance of the proposed 5 year extension to the June 10, 2002 and June 23, 2003 Agreements. On May 21, 2007, the Joint Finance Committee provided written approval to the Department. The extended Agreement was signed by the DNR and NEC on June 7, 2007.

Pursuant to Section 299.80, Wis. Stats., and at the request of Northern Engraving Corporation (NEC), the DNR is proposing to amend the June 7, 2007 Extended Agreement with NEC under the Environmental Cooperation Pilot Program (Program). The proposed amended agreement includes the necessary permit renewals and other changes (see below) as allowed under sec. 299.80 (7)(b).

(a). Changes/Variations to be Granted

NEC and the DNR are now proposing to amend the June 2007 Agreement to include the necessary changes and renewal of the air pollution control permits sec. 299.80 (7)(b) Wisconsin Statutes. DNR and NEC will incorporate into the Air Pollution Control Permits (Part I A.), for each participating facility, the requirements necessary for NEC to construct and operate under flexible pre-approved conditions as part of this agreement. In addition, the proposed amendment would include the following:

- o On a case-by-case basis NEC will be allowed to request an additional period of time to commence construction and/or modification of proposed projects requiring a permit under ch. NR 406, Wis. Adm. Code.
- o In concurrence with US Environmental Protection Agency, (USEPA) NEC's Holmen and Sparta facilities will no longer be required to provide a 6 month report on actual emissions to EPA. USEPA has concurred with DNR that the requirement to report actual Volatile Organic Compounds (VOC) and Hazardous Air Pollutant (HAP) emissions every 6 months could be removed from the Agreement and associated Air Pollution Control Operation Permits, as the permits issued under the Amended Agreement meet USEPA's requirements for the "Formula Based Approach" by specifying how NEC is required to calculate their actual VOC and HAP emissions.
- o West Salem will operate under the conditions established in the June 7, 2007 Extended Agreement and the Air Pollution Control Permits (Part I. A. Specific Permit Conditions for West Salem) until such time that they submit an Air Pollution Control Permit application, the permit has been public noticed for 30 days, and approval has been granted by the DNR. (Note: NEC West Salem Air Pollution Control Permit under current Agreement expires on June 10, 2008.)

(b). How DNR will make a final decision on the proposed Amendment

In making a final decision on the proposed action, DNR will insure that the applicant has complied with all of the requirements in s. 299.80(6) (d), Wis. Stats. DNR will also review and consider all public

comments received within the 30-day public comment period and at the public hearing. In consultation with the project manager and other staff, the DNR Secretary will decide whether or not to sign and implement the Amendment to the Cooperative Environmental Agreement.

The Amendment to the June 7, 2007 Extended Agreement is not subject to review under ch. 227, Wis. Stats. The Amendment to the Agreement and the renewed permits and their conditions, once issued, is subject to review under ch. 227, Wis. Stats. To request a contested case hearing pursuant to s. 227.42, Wis. Stats., a person has 30 days after the Agreement is issued to serve a petition for hearing upon the Secretary of the DNR. A request for contested case hearing should be made in accordance with s. NR 2.05(5), Wis. Adm. Code. The filing of a request for contested case hearing is not a prerequisite for judicial review under ch. 227, Wis. Stats., and does not extend the time limits for filing a petition for judicial review.

(II). Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Preliminary Determination to Renew an Air Pollution Control Permit to Operate an Existing Air Pollution Source at NEC Sparta, Wisconsin and NEC Holmen, Wisconsin facilities.

Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources Air Pollution Control Permit Preliminary Analysis to Renew an Air Pollution Control Permit to Operate Existing Air Pollution Sources at Northern Engraving Corporation, 1023 Sand Lake Road, Holmen, La Crosse County, Wisconsin and Northern Engraving Corporation, 803 S Black River St, Sparta, Monroe County, Wisconsin.

Holmen Facility

Air Pollution Operation Permit Renewal No. 632009730-F10.

NEC submitted to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an application to renew operation permit number 632009730-F04, including plans and specifications, for the operation of an existing printed/coated plastic sheet manufacturing facility.

Sparta Facility

Air Pollution Operation Permit Renewal No. 642025010-F10

NEC submitted to the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) an application to renew operation permit number 642025010-F04, including plans and specifications, for the operation of an existing decorated nameplate and automotive trim manufacturing facility.

The West Central Region Air Program, LaCrosse Area Office of the Department has analyzed these materials and has made a preliminary determination that operation of this air pollution source should meet applicable criteria for permit approval as stated in ss. 285.63 and 285.64, Wis. Stats., including both the emission limits and the ambient air standards and that the application is approvable. This preliminary determination does not constitute approval from the Air Management Program or any other DNR sections which may also require a review of the project.

(III). Additional Information Locations, Public Comment Period and a Public Hearing

(a). Additional Information Locations:

Complete information on the proposed Amendment to the Agreement, the preliminary determination and analysis regarding the issuance of an Air Pollution Control Operation Permit for NEC's Sparta and Holmen facilities can be found at <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cea/ecpp/>. The above information will also be available for public inspection at the DNR Bureau of Air Management Headquarters, Seventh Floor, 101 South Webster, Madison. Additional locations for viewing documents include the DNR La Crosse Area Office Air Program, 3550 Mormon Coulee Road, Room 104, La Crosse; the DNR Eau Claire Regional Office, 1300 W. Clairemont Ave., Eau Claire, Wisconsin, the Sparta Free Library, PO Box 347, Court & Main Street, Sparta, Wisconsin, and the La Crosse County Library, 103 State Street, Holmen, Wisconsin.

To discuss issues related to the Air Pollution Control Operational Permit please contact Mary Oleson (DNR Air Management Engineer) at (608) 789-5544, mary.oleson@wisconsin.gov
To discuss the Amendment to the Cooperative Environmental Agreement please contact either Mark Harings (DNR Environmental Cooperative Agreement Project Manager) at (715) 831-3263, mark.harings@wisconsin.gov or Randy Nedrelo (NEC), (608) 269-6911, medrelo@norcorp.com.

(b). Opportunity for Public Comment

The DNR hereby solicits written comments from the public regarding the proposed Amendment to the June 7, 2007 Cooperative Environmental Agreement and the preliminary determinations to approve the renewals of air pollution control operation permits for NEC's Sparta and Holmen facilities. These comments will be considered in the DNR's final decisions regarding this project.

Within 30 days, please submit written comments on:

- o Proposed Amended Agreement to Mark Harings, DNR, 1300 W. Clairemont Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54702, fax (715) 831 3263, or e-mail mark.harings@wisconsin.gov
- o Renewal of air pollution control permits for Sparta and Holmen to Mary Oleson, DNR, La Crosse Area Office Air Program, 3550 Mormon Coulee Road, Room 104, La Crosse, WI 54601.

Note: The 30-day Public Comment Period starts from the day the Notice appears in the Wisconsin State Journal.

(c). Notice of Public Hearing

NOTICE IS HEARBY GIVEN that DNR will conduct a public hearing on the proposed Amendments and the preliminary determinations to approve the renewal of air pollution control permits for Sparta and Holmen. The hearing will be held:

Date:	Tuesday, July 17, 2007
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Time: 10:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Location: **Monroe County Courthouse 112 S. Court Street, Sparta, WI 54656
(In the Basement)**

Parking: Parking is available at the courthouse lot

Phone: 608-269-8700

Reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.

STATE OF WISCONSIN
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
For the Secretary:

/s/ Mark McDermid
Mark McDermid, Director
Bureau of Cooperative Environmental Assistance

6/20/2007
Date

/s/ Kevin Kessler
Kevin Kessler, Director
Bureau of Air Management

6/20/2007
Date