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Janice Neitzel,
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Subject: Approval of request for a waiver of the requirements to obtain a construction permit prior to commencing construction

Dear Janice Neitzel:

The Department of Natural Resources received 3M - Menomonie Plant's request dated May 20, 2026 for a waiver to commence construction prior to obtaining an air pollution control construction permit under s. 285.60(5m), Wis. Stats., and s. NR 406.03(2), Wis. Adm. Code. The department has reviewed this request and justification for a waiver and has concluded that the conditions of s. NR 406.03(2)(b), Wis. Adm. Code, for approval of a waiver, have been satisfied as follows:

1. A construction permit application was submitted to the department on May 20, 2026;

2. A complete waiver request was submitted to the department which demonstrates that undue hardship will be caused if a waiver is not granted. Undue hardship will result from:

   A substantial economic or financial hardship.

3. The waiver fee required under s. NR 410.03(1)(bm), Wis. Adm. Code, has been paid.

4. The project does not require a permit under ch. NR 405 or 408, Wis. Adm. Code, or a permit to establish enforceable limitations on the potential to emit to avoid permit requirements of ch. NR 405 or 408, Wis. Adm. Code.

5. The source will not be located within 10 kilometers of a Class I area.

6. The source has not commenced construction, reconstruction, replacement, relocation or modification prior to requesting a waiver.

The department approves 3M - Menomonie Plant's request for a waiver to commence construction, reconstruction, replacement, relocation and/or modification as described in the construction permit application submitted to the department on May 20, 2026. **3M - Menomonie Plant shall notify the department's assigned compliance inspector, Terrianna Bradley in writing by e-mail at terrianna.bradley@wisconsin.gov or regular mail at South Central Region Headquarters, Fitchburg Service Center, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711, prior to commencing construction pursuant to this waiver.**

Under no circumstances may 3M - Menomonie Plant commence initial operation of the air contaminant sources which are the subject of the construction permit application submitted to the department on May 20, 2026 prior to obtaining an air pollution control construction permit for the sources. For purposes of this waiver, initial operation is the first time any process related air contaminant is emitted to the ambient air.

The department may rescind a waiver if the owner or operator does not diligently respond to department inquiries on the construction permit application or if the department preliminarily determines that the source will not meet the criteria for permit approval under s. 285.63 (1), Wis. Stats.

3M - Menomonie Plant assumes all responsibility and liability if a construction permit is not issued by the department.

This approval does not waive any requirement to obtain any other required local, state or federal approvals, permits or licenses required to commence construction. Construction may not commence until all other permits or approvals necessary to commence construction are issued.

If you have any questions about this waiver, please contact Maria Hill, at (608) 216-3179 or Maria.Hill@wisconsin.gov.

Sincerely,

Barbara Pavliscak

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Air Management Program Supervisor