

**Subject** Air quality permits

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## Summary

House File 672, requires facilities holding nonexpiring state individual air quality permits issued by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (PCA) to hold meetings at least once every five years to allow members of the public to make comments or ask questions of the facility operator and the PCA regarding permit conditions, testing results, permit compliance, and other aspects of the facility's operations. The bill also requires the commissioner to state in writing any denial of a request for the agency to review an existing permit, and requires the establishment of a full-time position at the PCA to administer these provisions and to facilitate interaction between the agency and residents exposed to air pollution from permitted facilities.