

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY (LDEQ)**  
**MITSUBISHI CHEMICAL AMERICA, INC. / MCA GEISMAR SITE**  
**PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT**  
**ON A PROPOSED INITIAL PART 70 AIR OPERATING PERMIT, PREVENTION OF SIGNIFICANT**  
**DETERIORATION (PSD) PERMIT & THE ASSOCIATED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STATEMENT**  
**(EAS)**

The LDEQ, Office of Environmental Services, will conduct a public hearing to receive comments on a Proposed Initial Part 70 Air Operating Permit, a Prevention of Significant Deterioration (PSD) Permit, and the associated Environmental Assessment Statement (EAS) for Mitsubishi Chemical America, Inc., 6070 Poplar Avenue, Suite 600, Memphis, TN 38119 for the MCA Geismar Site. **The facility is located at 36453 Highway 30, Geismar, Ascension Parish.**

The hearing will be held on **Thursday, February 1, 2024, beginning at 6:00 p.m., at the Richard Brown Community Center, 12060 Hwy 73, Geismar, LA 70734.** During the hearing, all interested persons will have an opportunity to present oral statements, views, recommendations, opinions and information on the proposed permit. Additionally, written statements and other documents such as charts, data, and tabulations may be filed with the hearing officer at the hearing.

Mitsubishi Chemical America, Inc. requested a Part 70 Air Operating Permit and a PSD Permit to construct and operate the MCA Geismar Site to produce 385,000 tons of methyl methacrylate (MMA) monomer per year. The proposed site will consist of a carbon monoxide (CO) plant, a methanol plant, a formalin plant, and an Alpha MMA plant. The site will also include product storage; wastewater treatment; miscellaneous auxiliary support facilities; and associated maintenance, startup, and shutdown activities. All major feedstocks, including ethylene, oxygen, and natural gas, will be provided to the site via pipeline.

**This permit was processed as an expedited permit in accordance with LAC 33:I.Chapter 18.**

Estimated emissions, in tons per year, are as follows:

<b>Pollutant</b>	<b>Emissions</b>
Particulate Matter - PM <sub>10</sub>	39.50
Particulate Matter - PM <sub>2.5</sub>	38.64
Sulfur Dioxide - SO <sub>2</sub>	1.84
Nitrogen Oxides - NO <sub>x</sub>	129.39
Carbon Monoxide - CO	521.41
Volatile Organic Compounds - VOC	68.43
Greenhouse Gas - CO <sub>2e</sub>	780,752

PM<sub>10</sub>/PM<sub>2.5</sub>, NO<sub>x</sub>, CO, VOC, and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions from the facility will be more than the PSD major source thresholds or PSD significance levels. These emissions were reviewed under the PSD regulations and documented in Permit PSD-LA-850. The proposed emissions will be controlled by BACT. Neither the project nor the general commercial, residential, industrial, or other growth associated with it is expected to have a significant adverse impact on soil, vegetation, visibility, or air quality in the area of the facility or any Class I area.

A working draft of the proposed permit was submitted to the facility representative. Any remarks received during the technical review will be addressed in the "Worksheet for Technical Review of Working Draft of Proposed Permit". All the remarks received by LDEQ are included in the record that is available for public review.

The EAS submitted by the applicant addresses avoidance of potential and real environmental effects, balancing of social and economic benefits against environmental impact costs, and alternative sites, projects, and mitigative measures.

The public hearing will be conducted in accordance with La. R.S. 30:2017, which addresses the authority of the hearing officer, provides for the order in which speakers will be allowed to speak. A hearing officer will preside over the public hearing. This will be a formal hearing for the purpose of gathering facts and information. It will not include a "question

and answer” component. In accordance with La. R.S. 30:2016, the hearing will be transcribed and become a part of the official public record.

Comments and requests for a public hearing or notification of the final decision can be submitted online on the public notice webpage (<http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/public-notices>), via personal delivery, U.S. mail, or email. **Comments and requests for public hearings must be received by 4:30 pm CST, Monday, February 5, 2024.** Delivery may be made to the drop-box at 602 N. 5th St., Baton Rouge, LA 70802. U.S. Mail may be sent to LDEQ, Public Participation Group, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, and emails may be submitted to [DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV](mailto:DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV). Persons wishing to receive notice of the final permit action must include a complete mailing address when submitting comments.

Please see additional instructions for comment submission, hand delivery and information regarding electronic submission at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/page/the-public-participation-group> or call (225) 219-3276.

A written response to all public comments will be prepared at the time of the final permit decision. LDEQ will send notification of the final permit decision to the applicant and to each person who has submitted written comments or a written request for notification of the final decision.

The application, proposed permits, EAS and the statement of basis are available for review at the LDEQ, Public Records Center, 602 North 5<sup>th</sup> Street, Baton Rouge, LA. Viewing hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday (except holidays). **The available information can also be accessed electronically on the Electronic Document Management System (EDMS) on the DEQ public website at [www.deq.louisiana.gov](http://www.deq.louisiana.gov).**

Additional copies may be reviewed at the Ascension Parish Library – Dutchtown Branch, 13278 Highway 73, Geismar, LA 70734.

The hearing will be held in accordance with CDC guidance and in compliance with any guidelines issued by the Governor’s office. During the hearing, all interested persons will have an opportunity to present oral statements, views, recommendations, opinions and information on the proposed permit. Additionally, written statements and other documents such as charts, data, and tabulations may be filed with the hearing officer at the hearing.

Individuals with a disability and who need an accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing, should contact Doug Bordelon at 225-219-1325 or [Doug.Bordelon@la.gov](mailto:Doug.Bordelon@la.gov).

Inquiries or requests for additional information regarding this permit action should be directed to Dan Nguyen, LDEQ, Air Permits Division, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, phone (225) 219-3395.

Persons wishing to be included on the LDEQ permit public notice mailing list, wishing to receive the permit public notices via email by subscribing to the LDEQ permits public notice List Server, or for other public participation related questions should contact the Public Participation Group in writing at LDEQ, P.O. Box 4313, Baton Rouge, LA 70821-4313, by email at [DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV](mailto:DEQ.PUBLICNOTICES@LA.GOV) or contact the LDEQ Customer Service Center at (225) 219-LDEQ (219-5337).

**Permit public notices including electronic access to the proposed permits and statement of basis** can be viewed at the LDEQ permits public notice webpage at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/public-notices> and general information related to the public participation in permitting activities can be viewed at <http://www.deq.louisiana.gov/page/the-public-participation-group>.

**All correspondence should specify AI Number 234532, Permit Numbers 0180-00233-V0 and PSD-LA-850, and Activity Numbers PER20220001 and PER20220002.**

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