



## **Title V Air Permits – What Are They and How Can My Voice Be Heard?**

The Title V section of the federal Clean Air Act requires stationary sources of air pollution that have the potential to emit more than the “major source” threshold of air pollution and some smaller-emission sources to have a “Title V Operating Permit” **governing day-to-day facility operations.**

A Title V permit is supposed to:

1. **Gather all federally enforceable air quality requirements for a facility in one place.** This includes many state law requirements that implement the federal regulations, and
2. **Establish permit requirements** that assure compliance with pollution emission limits through sufficient:
  - Testing;
  - Monitoring;
  - Recordkeeping; and
  - Reporting provisions.

**The Shell Monaca plant applied for their Title V operating permit on June 19, 2024.**

[https://files.dep.state.pa.us/RegionalResources/SWRO/SWROPortalFiles/Shell/7-2-24/Landau\\_Shell\\_Monaca\\_Site\\_Initial\\_Title\\_V\\_Application\\_rpt\\_2024\\_0619.pdf](https://files.dep.state.pa.us/RegionalResources/SWRO/SWROPortalFiles/Shell/7-2-24/Landau_Shell_Monaca_Site_Initial_Title_V_Application_rpt_2024_0619.pdf)

**The application is currently being reviewed by the PA Department of Environmental Protection (PA DEP) and that review processes will take months to complete.**

**Once the reviews are completed, the PA DEP will publish a DRAFT Title V permit and a Review Memo and the following things will take place:**

- The draft will be shared with the US Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA).
- A comment period will be advertised and opened.
  - The comment period must be at least 30 days, although it could be extended at the discretion of the PA DEP.
  - Citizens can submit written requests to the PA DEP seeking an extension.
  - During the open comment period anyone can provide written comments to the PA DEP on the draft permit
- **Additionally, the public can request a public hearing be held on the draft permit.**
  - A hearing can be requested by emailing the PA DEP using the contact information that will be provided in the legal notice published in the PA Bulletin.
  - *It is advised that a virtual option be requested as well.*



- **Your voice can be heard in several ways:**
  - At the public hearing via oral testimony (typically limited to three-minutes)
    - Be sure to follow any instructions on how to register to speak at the public hearing. These instructions may be included in the legal notice published in the PA Bulletin OR they may be posted at the entrance of the public hearing.
  - Via written comments submitted to the PA DEP,
  - Or you may choose to do both.
  
- **How to prepare for the public hearing:**
  - **Understand time limits for testimony.** *Three minutes = 450 words.*
  - Know that **only testimony about the Title V air permit will be accepted.** There are no other issues that can be presented during that specific hearing.
  - **Write out your testimony and bring two copies** with you to the hearing.
    - Written comments can be longer – only oral testimony has limits.
    - **Combine personal stories and concerns about the facility’s permit with facts or “asks” you’d like to see the PA DEP add to improve the permit.**

**Additional opportunities for community engagement with the PA DEP:**

- **Explore the PA DEP Environmental Justice community resources to see if your community qualifies for additional community engagement meetings** before the public hearing is held:  
<https://www.dep.pa.gov/PublicParticipation/OfficeofEnvironmentalJustice/Pages/PA-Environmental-Justice-Areas.aspx>
- **Here are the Beaver County communities near the Shell plant that qualify for the additional community engagement meetings:**

● Aliquippa	● Center Townshij	● Monaca
● Ambridge	● East Rochester	● New Brighton
● Baden	● Industry/Merrill	● Potter Township
● Beaver Falls	● Leetsdale	● Rochester
● Bridgewater	● Midland	● Vanport

The BCMAC team will be reaching out to the PA DEP to request these additional community engagement meetings. **If you live in one of these areas and would like to be included in these and any other follow up meetings, please contact us at: [info@marcellusawareness.org](mailto:info@marcellusawareness.org) or [hilary.bcmac@gmail.com](mailto:hilary.bcmac@gmail.com).**

We’re looking forward to working with you and our community members to ensure everyone is kept informed about the upcoming public hearings and community engagement meetings.



**Every voice matters.**

Please scan the QR code below to take our survey, located under *Get Involved*.



**For more information on the Shell Monaca Petrochemical Complex, here is the link to the PA DEP's webpage:**  
<https://www.dep.pa.gov/About/Regional/SouthwestRegion/Community%20Information/Shell-Petrochemical-Complex/Pages/Facility-Information.aspx>