



## MAC ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS

# Environmental Compliance at Reliever Airports Quick Guide for Tenants

### Environmentally Relevant Tenant Activities & Operations

- **Industrial Activities:** aircraft/vehicle maintenance, deicing operations, equipment cleaning, fueling/defueling, outdoor material and waste storage, and construction activities.
- **Fuel Storage:** aboveground tanks, underground tanks, mobile refuelers, and drums.
- **Hazardous and Regulated Materials:** use, storage, and disposal of common shop chemicals (e.g., solvents, degreasers, lubricants, adhesives, paints), agrichemicals, pesticides, used oils, oily and solvent-contaminated rags, antifreeze, aerosols, batteries, lamps/bulbs, and compressed gases.
- **Utilities:** wells, septic systems/holding tanks, city water and sewer connections, flammable traps and floor drains, air compressors, boilers, and backup and emergency generators.
- **Historical Leak Sites:** spills, releases, and previous areas of contamination.

### Environmental Rules & Regulations

- **Industrial Stormwater Permits & SWPPPs:** Tenants should consider whether they need to apply for coverage under the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) General Permit for Industrial Stormwater if they are conducting industrial activities such as aircraft/vehicle maintenance, fueling, equipment cleaning, or deicing operations and have a primary business activity SIC code in the air transportation sector, or other regulated sector. [Click here for more information](#)
- **Construction Stormwater Permits:** Construction sites of one acre or more may be subject to additional stormwater management and erosion control requirements. Please contact the MPCA to apply for any required permits. [Click here for more information](#)
- **Spill Prevention, Control & Countermeasure (SPCC) Plans:** Tenants may be required to prepare an SPCC plan if using or storing oil products with 1,320 gallons or more of capacity in aboveground tanks, or have 42,000 gallons or more of underground oil storage capacity. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requirements and resources for SPCC plans are available [here](#). Additional state-level guidance is available [here](#)
- **Storage Tanks:** In addition to federal (EPA) SPCC plan requirements, aboveground and underground storage tanks may be subject to additional registration, secondary containment, and inspection requirements at the state level. [Click here for more information](#)

- **Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA):** Tenants may be subject to EPCRA Tier II reporting if using or storing 10,000 lbs. or more of any hazardous substance (including fuels) or lower threshold quantities of extremely hazardous substances. Minnesota EPCRA requirements are outlined at [here](#)
- **Hazardous Materials & Waste Management:** Tenants may be subject to state or county licensing and reporting requirements for the storage, treatment, and disposal of hazardous and other regulated wastes. [Click here for more information](#)
- **Subsurface Sewage Treatment Systems (SSTS):** Tenants with septic holding tanks may be subject to MPCA and local county ordinance conditions, including inspection, service, and maintenance requirements. [Click here for more information](#)
- **Wells:** The Minnesota Department of Health establishes construction, management, and sealing requirements for wells and maintains the state well index [here](#). Additional information for well owners is available [here](#)
- **Air Permits:** Tenants should review their specific industrial activities and operations to determine whether they may be subject to MPCA air permitting requirements. [Click here for more information](#) or [here](#)

### Required Notifications

Tenants are responsible for reporting spills/releases of petroleum and other environmentally damaging substances into the environment to the Minnesota Duty Officer (800-422-0798) and to the MAC Environmental Affairs Department (612-726-5336). [Click here for more information](#)

### Additional Resources:

- The **MAC Environmental Affairs Department** provides environmental compliance support and best practice guidance for MAC tenants. For general inquiries, please contact us at: [environmental.affairs@mspmac.org](mailto:environmental.affairs@mspmac.org) or 612-726-5336.
- The **MPCA Small Business Assistance Program** provides confidential and complimentary compliance services to business owners on a variety of environmental topics [here](#) or call the Helpline at 800-657-3938/651-282-6143.