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TO: INTERESTED PARTIES

RE: Veolia Environmental Services Rolling Hills Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Project

On August 28, 2012, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Citizens' Board (Board) will consider the adoption of the Scoping Decision Document related to the preparation of an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) for the proposed Veolia Environmental Services Rolling Hills Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Project. MPCA staff has prepared a Board Packet, which includes the following documents.

- Scoping Decision Document
- Comment letters received on the Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet
- The MPCA's responses to comments received on the Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet
- Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet

In an effort to save postage and resources, the above documents may be reviewed at the following locations: the MPCA offices in St. Paul; the Minneapolis Public Library at 300 Nicollet Mall, Minneapolis; and the Legislative Reference Library at 645 State Office Building. The Veolia Environmental Services Rolling Hills Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Project Board Packet may also be viewed on the MPCA website at http://www.pca.state.mn.us/about/board/bdagenda.html. Requests for paper copies of these Board documents may be made by contacting the St. Paul office at 651-757-2101.

The Board Item will be presented at the MPCA Board Meeting. Please refer to the enclosed Board Agenda for specific location, dates, and times. We encourage your attendance at the Board Meeting. If you have any questions regarding the Board Item or the specifics of the meeting, feel free to contact Nancy Drach at 651-757-2317.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

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Board Item Cover Sheet

MEETING DATE:	August 28, 2012	**DATE MAILED:**	August 17,2012
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TITLE OF BOARD ITEM: Veolia Environmental Services Rolling Hills Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Project – Request for Adoption of the Scoping Decision Document for the Environmental Impact Statement and Authorization to Distribute the Draft Environmental Impact Statement

LOCATION: Monticello (City) Wright (County)

TYPE OF ACTION: Environmental Review

RECOMMENDED ACTION: Request for Adoption of the Final Environmental Impact Statement Scoping Decision Document for the Veolia Environmental Services Rolling Hills Mixed Municipal Solid Waste Landfill Project

ISSUE STATEMENT:

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) staff requests that the MPCA Citizens' Board (Board) adopt the Scoping Decision Document for the Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to be prepared on a proposal by Veolia Environmental Services Rolling Hills Landfill, Inc. (Veolia) to expand its existing solid waste disposal facility located in Monticello Township, Wright County, Minnesota. Veolia proposes to construct a new 72-acre mixed municipal solid waste (MSW) disposal area on Veolia property east of the existing active industrial solid waste disposal area at their facility. MPCA staff further requests that the Board authorize the Commissioner to distribute the draft EIS upon its completion.

The preparation of an EIS is mandatory for the proposed project pursuant to rules of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board (Minn. R. 4410.4400, subp. 13). Veolia proposes phased construction of lined cells, leachate recirculation and disposal structures, an active gas collection system including a gas burning flare, a landfill surface water management system, and wetland mitigation and conservation areas (Project). The Project is designed to accept mixed MSW, which includes residential, commercial, and MPCA-approved industrial solid waste, and construction and demolition debris. MPCA staff prepared and distributed a Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) and a Draft Scoping Decision Document which provided information about the project and identified the issues to be addressed in the EIS. These documents were available to the public for review during the 45-day scoping period.

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The EIS scope will form the basis for preparation of the EIS and will be used by the Board to help determine its adequacy after the final EIS is prepared. The proposed final Scoping Decision Document is based on the information in the Scoping EAW and on consideration of all comments received during the EIS scoping period.

During the EIS process, Veolia will submit to the MPCA a draft request for a Certificate of Need for unprocessed MSW disposal capacity and applications for the issuance of modified solid waste and air emissions permits. Information pertaining to MPCA permits and approvals will be gathered concurrently with EIS preparation and the information obtained will be presented in the EIS.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Proposed Scoping Decision Document
2. Comment Letters received on Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet
3. Responses to Comments on Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet
4. Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet (Board members only)