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**PUBLIC NOTICE
REGARDING
SOLID WASTE FACILITY PERMIT**

Public Notice Number: 12-SW-2242

Public Notice Issued On: May 10, 2013

Last Day to Submit Comments: June 10, 2013

Name and Address of Applicant:

Name and Location of Facility:

Verso Paper
100 East Sartell Street
Sartell, Minnesota 56377

Verso Paper Solid Waste Disposal Facility
Township 125 N, Range 28 W, Section 28
Stearns County

Brief Description of Facility: The Verso Paper Solid Waste Disposal Facility is an industrial solid waste landfill located in the City of Sartell in Section 28, Township 125 North, Range 28 West in Stearns County. The landfill is authorized to dispose of wood yard waste (log wash grit and truck sweepings), paper mill bar screenings, wastewater grit, boiler ash, and scrubber cake generated by Verso Paper.

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NOTICE

Verso Paper is currently named as the Activity Owner, Landowner and Operator for the above referenced industrial solid waste disposal facility. Verso Paper has requested that the MPCA modify Permit SW-281 solely as to the ownership in accordance with Minn. R. 7001.0190, subp. 2 and that the named owner of this permit be transferred to AIM Development (USA) LLC.

At this time, the Commissioner has determined that, other than the modification as to owner of the landfill, no other change in Permit SW-281 is necessary. The Commissioner has determined that AIM Development (USA) LLC will own and operate the landfill with all applicable pollution control statutes and rules administered by the MPCA and the conditions of Permit SW-281. On that basis, the Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to modify Permit SW-281 to identify AIM Development LLC as the new Activity Owner, Landowner and Operator of the Verso Paper Solid Waste Disposal Facility, now referred to as the AIM Development Solid Waste Disposal Facility.

The MPCA has developed a draft permit. The MPCA will mail a copy of the draft permit to an interested person upon request to the MPCA staff contact or the information is also available for review on the MPCA Web site at www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/about-mpca/mpca-news/public-notice/public-notice.html. The file with regard to this permit, including all comments received, will be available for inspection between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m. at the MPCA's office located at 520 Lafayette Road North in St. Paul. The MPCA will make copies from this file upon request. There is a charge for copy orders greater than twenty pages. To arrange a time to review the file contact the MPCA staff contact. To request information regarding charges for copies, contact Dianne Mitzuk at 615-757-2573.

The procedures that the MPCA will follow with regard to this permit application are set forth in its operating and procedural rules, Minn. R. chs. 7000 and 7001. Copies of these rules are available on www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/waste/waste-permits-and-rules/waste-rules/minnesota-rules-for-hazardous-waste-solid-waste-and-tanks.html at most local libraries, and by requests directed to the MPCA. The MPCA strongly recommends that interested persons review these rules.

COMMENTS SOLICITED

By this Notice, interested persons are invited to submit comments to the MPCA on the pending application. If this application concerns modification of an existing permit, comments will only be considered regarding the portion of the permit that is proposed to be modified. To ensure consideration, comments must be received by the last day to submit comments identified above, and should include the following:

- A. A statement of the person's interest in the permit application or the draft permit.
- B. A statement of the action the person wishes the agency to take; including specific references to sections of the draft permit that the person believes should be changed.
- C. The reasons supporting the person's position, stated with sufficient specificity as to allow the Commissioner to investigate the merits of the person's positions.

Any submissions should display the public notice number, 12-SW-2242, next to the address on the envelope and on each page of any submitted comments, and include a return mailing address and telephone number. The MPCA will consider all comments received during the comment period and may modify the proposed permit based on those comments. Comments received by the MPCA in response to this notice will be made part of the public record with regard to this permit.

REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING, CONTESTED CASE HEARING, AND/OR MPCA CITIZENS' BOARD CONSIDERATION

Public Informational Meeting. A public informational meeting is an informal meeting during which interested persons can ask questions concerning the proposed facility. MPCA staff will be present to provide information. If an interested person would like the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting, the person should include all information identified above under the section of this Notice titled "Comments Solicited" and should in addition include:

- A. A statement of the reasons the person desire the agency to hold a public informational meeting.
- B. The issues that the person would like the agency to address at the public informational meeting. The MPCA Commissioner will hold a public informational meeting if the Commissioner or the MPCA Citizens' Board (Board) determines that a public informational meeting would help clarify and resolve issues regarding the MPCA Commissioner's preliminary determination to issue the permit or the terms

of the draft permit. If a public informational meeting will be held, notice will be published as required under Minn. R. 7001.0120. Comments received from the public during the meeting will be considered by the MPCA.

Contested Case Hearing. A contested case hearing is a formal proceeding before an administrative law judge empowered to advise the MPCA regarding issues of fact. Interested persons may petition the MPCA to hold a contested case hearing on this proposed permit. To be timely, a request for a contested case hearing on a permit **must be received during the public comment period established by this Notice.** The rules of the MPCA establish what must be included in a petition for a contested case hearing, and the standard that the MPCA will apply in determining whether that petition should be granted. *See* Minn. R. 7000.1800-1900. The MPCA strongly recommends that persons petitioning for a contested case hearing review the rules before submitting a petition. If a petition for a contested case hearing is received, the Board will consider the issuance of the permit and whether the petition for the contested case should be granted.

MPCA Citizens' Board Consideration. Interested persons may petition the Board to consider this permit by asking the MPCA Commissioner to place the matter on the Board meeting agenda, or by asking a Board member to request that the MPCA Commissioner place the matter on a Board meeting agenda. To be timely, a petition must be served by mail at least 24 days before the meeting during which a petition would like the matter to be considered, or by personal service or facsimile at least 21 days before the meeting. *See* Minn. R. 7000.0650. The Board will consider the matter if requested by a Board member. Names and addresses of Board members are available at www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/about-mpca/mpca-overview/mpca-citizens-board/mpca-citizens-board.html. The MPCA Commissioner may deny a request to place a matter on the Board meeting agenda, but must inform the Board members of that decision.

PERMIT ISSUANCE

If there are no requests for a public informational meeting, contested case hearing, or Board consideration, the MPCA Commissioner will make the final decision on the proposed permit. Persons who have submitted comments during the comment period will be notified of the MPCA Commissioner's decision.