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**DUAL PUBLIC NOTICE
of the
CONSTRUCTION and OPERATION of a SOLID WASTE COMPOST FACILITY
and
PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING**

Public Notice Number: 11-SW-2224

Public Notice Issued On: May 10, 2012
Last Day to Submit Comments: June 11, 2012

Name and Address of Applicant:

Permittee Activity Owner/Operator:
Max Milinkovich
Full Circle Organics, LLC
5029 - 13th Avenue South
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55417

Name and Location of Facility:

Full Circle Organics, LLC – Good Thunder Compost Facility
16225 - 563rd Avenue
NE¼ of the SW¼, Section 1, T 106 N, R 27 W
Good Thunder, Minnesota 56037

Permittee Land Owner:

MFS Farms, Inc.
56437 – 164th Street
Good Thunder, Minnesota 56037

Brief Description of Facility: The applicant proposes to construct and operate a source separated compost facility. If approved, the permit will allow the proposed operation for a term of 5 (five) years.

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NOTICE OF SOLID WASTE COMPOST PERMIT

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) has received an application to construct and operate a source separated compost facility. The application was received on December 21, 2012.

The property is located in Lyra Township, Blue Earth County, Minnesota, on 10 acres owned by MFS Farms, Inc. (MFS). The proposed Permittee and operator is Full Circle Organics, LLC. The facility capacity is proposed as 110 tons per day, or 25,000 tons per year, of source-separated compostable material (SSCM). Sources of SSCM include: food waste (both liquid and solid), paper waste, garden waste, and animal bedding. The Permittee proposes mixing yard waste and wood chips with the SSCM.

Compost material will be received in the mixing building. Liquid food waste will be stored in a 20,000-gallon underground storage tank. Liquid from the tank will be used in the mixing process and the active composting process. Excess liquid from the mixing process will be collected in a 20,000-gallon underground leachate storage tank, and reused in the mixing process.

Compost material will be received in the mixing building, and combined with yard waste and other organic material until the appropriate blend is reached. Once the batch reaches 55 degrees Celsius (131 degrees Fahrenheit), the batch will be relocated to the composting pad. It will remain there until it has completed the active compost process (i.e., process to further reduce pathogens), and it also reaches maturity. It will then be screened and stored on the final product storage pad.

All stormwater from the compost pad in this area will be directed to a pond designed to manage back-to-back 100-year, 24-hour storm events. No discharge is designed for this pond. When compost has reached maturity, it will be relocated to the finished compost pad. Stormwater from the finished compost pad is directed to a stormwater pond on the north side of the facility. The discharge from this pond will be directed to a tile line and ditch north of the facility. The ditch drains to an unnamed creek, then west, ultimately into the Maple River, approximately 4,500 feet from the project area.

Environmental Review. The proposed project does not trigger a mandatory requirement for the preparation and completion of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet.

Variance. The facility has not requested any variances as part of the proposed permit application.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATIONAL MEETING

The MPCA has scheduled a public informational meeting for Thursday, May 17, 2012, at 7:00 p.m., at the Good Thunder City Hall Council Chamber, 130 South Ewing Street, Good Thunder, Minnesota. Representatives from the MPCA will provide a brief overview of the proposal. Staff from the MPCA, as well as staff from other State organizations, will be available for questions.

PRELIMINARY DETERMINATION

After review of application materials, the MPCA Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to approve the application and issue the permit. 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 website 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 Rochester office located at 18 Wood Lake Drive Southeast, Rochester, Minnesota. 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 the MPCA at 507-285-7343.

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, 11-SW-2224, next to the address on the envelope and on each page of any submitted comments, and should 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. The 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, a 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.