

**Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Petroleum Remediation Section, Remediation Division
Public Notice of Intent to Modify the Statewide General Permit Governing Facilities
Composting Up to 1500 Cubic Yards of Petroleum Contaminated Soil**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is preparing to modify the statewide general permit governing composting of petroleum contaminated soil that is dated July 26, 2011. The issuance and modification of the general permit is authorized by Minn. R. pt. 7001.0210, subp. 2 (2010), which allows the MPCA to issue a general permit if "...the MPCA finds that it is appropriate to issue a single permit to a category of permittees, whose operations emissions, activities, discharges or facilities are the same or substantially similar"

The MPCA requires that excavated petroleum contaminated soil be treated or disposed of properly. Composting of petroleum contaminated soil has proven to be a safe and effective method of treating soil that takes advantage of naturally occurring micro-organisms to biodegrade the petroleum.

The preliminary modification of the general permit is tentative. There are three formal procedures for public participation in the MPCA's consideration of only the modifications to the general permit. First, interested persons may submit written comments on the draft modifications to the general permit. Second, interested persons may request the MPCA to hold a public information meeting. Third, interested persons may request the MPCA to hold a contested case hearing, which is conducted by the Office of Administrative Hearings, pursuant to the Administrative Procedures Act.

Interested persons who submit comments or requests to the MPCA should include: A statement of the person's interest in the draft modifications to the permit; A statement of the action the person wishes the MPCA to take, including specific references to the section of the modifications to the permit that the person believes should be changed; and The reasons supporting the person's position.

The public comment period begins May 14, 2012 and ends June 14, 2012 at 4:30 p.m. The document is available at the MPCA's website at: <http://www.pca.state.mn.us> For a hard copy of the draft modifications to the permit, please contact Chantle S. Andersen at 651-757-2102. Written comments should be mailed to Gary Zarling, MPCA, Petroleum Remediation Section, Remediation Division, 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 55155-4194.

All written comments and requests for public information meetings or contested case hearings received during the public comment period will be considered by the Division Manager, Remediation Division. The Division Manager will issue a final determination in a timely manner after the expiration of the comment period.

Paul Aasen, Commissioner
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency