Public Notice of Intent to Reissue

Solid Waste

Permit SW-306-001

General information

Public comment period begins: November 28, 2018
Public comment period ends: December 28, 2018 (4:30 p.m.)
Current permit issued: July 27, 2012
Current permit expiration date: July 27, 2017

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to reissue this permit for a term of approximately ten years.

Name and address of Permittee: Beltrami County
PO Box 248
Bemidji, MN 56601-0248

Facility name and location: Beltrami County Demolition Landfill
2331 N Plantagenet Rd SE
Bemidji, MN 56601

Beltrami County
T146N, R33W, Section 035

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A draft permit is available for review on the MPCA Public Notices webpage at http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publicnotices or at the MPCA office address listed under the MPCA contact person. The MPCA will mail or email a copy of the draft permit upon request. Comments, petitions, and other requests must be received at the MPCA in writing on or before the public comment period end date and time identified above.

Watershed: NA
Receiving water: NA

Description of permitted facility

The facility is a demolition debris land disposal facility, which was originally permitted by the MPCA on March 23, 1987. The original permit was to be developed in three phases for a capacity of 125,000 cubic yards of waste and material to maintain the 50-foot separation from the property boundary. The permit was modified and reissued on January 24, 1995, to allow for a vertical expansion over the three phases to a capacity of 199,900 cubic yards. On May 22, 2003, the permit was again modified and reissued to allow for an expansion to a fourth phase and a total capacity of 292,300 cubic yards. On June 26, 2006, the permit was modified and reissued to allow for an expansion to a permitted capacity of 476,374 cubic yards. On July 27, 2012, the permit was again modified and reissued for the ultimate design of the landfill. The permitted footprint included all seven phases and an airspace of 569,172 cubic yards.

In December 2008, the MPCA was notified of a change in ownership and control for the landfill operator from Magnuson Trucking and Leasing to Waste Management of Minnesota, Inc. In 2017, Beltrami County purchased the landfill and owns and operates the demolition landfill. Beltrami County, Contracts WMI to currently operate until December 31, 2019.

The demolition landfill is to be developed in seven phases occupying approximately 13 acres of the site and have a total airspace capacity of 569,172 cubic yards. This permit authorizes the construction and development of the facility through Phase 7 for a permitted capacity of 569,172 cubic yards. It is designated as DD001 under this permit. There is approximately 11.9 years of capacity remaining in the landfill.

The facility accepts concrete for temporary storage prior to crushing and recycling. The concrete storage area is designated as ST001 under this permit. The facility also accepts yard waste for composting, designated as YC001 in this permit.

The preliminary determination to reissue this Solid Waste permit is tentative.
Procedure for public participation

As stated in Minn. R. chs. 7000 and 7001, there are three formal procedures for public participation in the MPCA’s consideration of this matter. Interested persons may:

1. Submit written comments on the draft permit.
2. Petition the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting.
3. Petition the MPCA to hold a contested case hearing.

Submitting written comments

To submit comments or petitions to the MPCA through the mail or email, you must state:

1. Your interest in the permit application or the draft permit.
2. The action you wish the MPCA to take, including specific references to the section of the draft permit you believe should be changed.
3. The reasons supporting your position, stated with sufficient specificity as to allow the MPCA to investigate the merits of the position.

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 and in addition include a statement of the reasons the person desires the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting and the issues that the person would like the agency to address at the public informational meeting.

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. As described in Minn. R. 7000.1800, persons who submit petitions for a contested case hearing must also state the issues they propose to address in a contested case hearing, the specific relief requested or resolution of the matter, and the reasons (which may be in the form of proposed findings) supporting an MPCA decision to hold a contested case hearing. Failure to comply with these rules exactly may result in a denial of the request. To the extent known, the petitioner may also submit a list of prospective witnesses to be called at a hearing, a proposed list of publications, references, or studies to be introduced at a hearing and the approximate time required for the petitioner to present the matter at a hearing. The decision whether to hold a contested case hearing will be made under Minn. R. 7000.1900.