Public Notice of Intent to Reissue

Solid Waste

Permit SW-315

General information

Public comment period begins: June 17, 2020
Public comment period ends: July 17, 2020 (4:30 p.m.)
Current permit issued: August 7, 2009
Current permit expiration date: August 7, 2014

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

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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. Additional materials relating to the issuance of this permit are available for inspection by appointment at any MPCA office (https://www.pca.state.mn.us/about-mpca/mpca-offices) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. 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 or before the public comment period end date and time identified above.

Watershed: NA
Receiving water: NA

Description of permitted facility

On October 27, 1987, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) issued permit SW-315 to Hubbard County for the construction and operation of a mixed municipal solid waste (MSW) transfer station. The transfer station is housed in a 2800 square foot building and manages up to 40 tons per day of waste. In addition, the MPCA issued permit SW-324 on July 19, 1988 for the construction and operation of the demolition debris land disposal facility. The demolition landfill would consist of developing four (4) cells (Cells 1A through 4A). On July 2, 1993, the MPCA combined these two permits, and modified and reissued permit SW-315, to allow for the continued operation of the transfer station and the expansion of the demolition debris land disposal facility. Permit SW-324 was then revoked. However, the 1993 permit only authorized the placement of up to 33,332 cubic yards of material associated with the development of Cells 1 through 4. On July 9, 1998, the MPCA again modified and reissued permit SW-315 for continued operation of the transfer station and demolition landfill. The permitted demolition landfill capacity was increased to 150,000 cubic yards and the phase development was expanded to include Cells 5 through 13. On September 17, 2003, the permit was reissued and further modified to allow a horizontal expansion to construct Cell 5A in addition to the continued development of Cells 5 through 13. This expansion resulted in an ultimate capacity of 173,400 cubic yards.

The facility accepts scrap metal, appliances, and waste tires for temporary storage prior to recycling. These waste activities are designated as RE 001, RE 002, and RE 003 in the waste capacity table of this permit. The requirements for these activities are in section RE 00# of this permit.

The facility accepts and composts brush and yard waste, designated as YC 001 under this permit. The facility also stores waste tires, designated as TS 001 in this permit. Storage of concrete prior to beneficial use is designated as ST 001 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.