

General information

Public comment period begins: March 29, 2021

Public comment period ends: April 28, 2021 (4:30 p.m.)

Current permit issued: April, 12, 2010

Current permit expiration date: April, 12, 2015

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:

City of Wheaton
PO Box 868
Wheaton, Minnesota 56296-0868

Facility name and location:

Wheaton Demolition Debris Disposal
104 9th Street North
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Traverse County
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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 on or before the public comment period end date and time identified above.

Watershed: NA

Receiving water: NA

Description of Permitted Facility

On September 24, 1991, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) issued permit SW-404 to the city of Wheaton for the construction and operation of a demolition debris land disposal facility. The facility was designed to be developed in five phases an initial permitted capacity of 45,000 cubic yards (cy) of debris and intermediate cover materials. A variance was granted to the facility on November 29, 1995, releasing the city from the annual survey requirement and instead requiring that the facility be surveyed every three years. The permit was reissued on January 6, 1997, and also provided for temporary storage of major appliances and waste tires.

On April 22, 2003 the permit was modified and reissued to reflect a new design capacity of 350,000 cy and a permitted capacity of 116,720 cy. The permit was reissued with the same permitted capacity on April 10, 2010.

The active fill area of the demolition landfill is located on about 15 acres on the western portion of the site and is designated as DD 001 in this permit. The ultimate design capacity for the entire facility is estimated at 350,000 cy of demolition debris and cover material. This reissuance will allow the continued filling of Phase 1 with a permitted capacity of 116,720 cy of waste and cover material.

The facility separately stores tire (TS 001) and appliances (RE 001). The facility accepts brush and yard waste for composting (YC 001).

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.