

## General information

**Public comment period begins:** October 16, 2020  
**Public comment period ends:** November 16, 2020 (4:30 p.m.)  
**Current permit issued:** July 19, 2010  
**Current permit expiration date:** July 19, 2015

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to reissue this permit for a term of approximately 10 years.

<b>Name and address of Permittee:</b>	<b>Facility name and location:</b>	<b>MPCA contact person:</b>
Waste Management 20520 Keokuk Avenue, Suite 200 Lakeville, Minnesota 55044	Oak Ridge Demolition Landfill 42500 310th Lane Aitkin, Minnesota 56431-4748 Aitkin County T046N, R27W, Section 015	Orten Abad Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Resource Management & Assistance Division 520 Lafayette Road North St. Paul, Minnesota 55155-4194 Phone: 651-757-2219 Email: <a href="mailto:orten.abad@state.mn.us">orten.abad@state.mn.us</a>
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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.

## Description of Oak Ridge Demolition Landfill

The Facility site was originally a wooded area located adjacent to the closed Aitkin Sanitary Landfill (SLF). Waste deposits from the Aitkin SLF extend onto the northwest corner of the facility property. Voyageur Disposal and Processing, Inc. established the facility in 1995 under MPCA Permit-By-Rule (PBR) regulations for demolitions landfills. A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) from the Aitkin County Planning and Zoning Office was issued on July 17, 1995. The CUP is an encumbrance on the property and therefore has no expiration date. In April 1998, the MPCA issued the solid waste facility permit SW-541 to Voyageur Disposal and Processing, Inc. for the construction and operation of a demolition debris land disposal facility. The permit was issued for 455,400 cubic yards (cy) of design capacity, including compacted in-place demolition debris, intermittent, intermediate, and final cover.

Waste Management, Inc. acquired the facility from Voyageur Disposal and Processing, Inc. in September 1999. The facility's permit was reissued on April 24, 2002, and included a PBR transfer station to manage up to 30 tons per day of mixed municipal solid waste (MSW). A May 7, 2004, permit reissuance revised the transfer station operation to manage up to 5,000 cy per year of MSW and select recyclable materials such as scrap metal, tires, and appliances. There are 2-20 yard containers available for customers to drop off MSW material.

The demolition landfill is a Class I unlined and accepts demolition and construction debris. The site is developed in 5 phases for a total design capacity of 455,400 cubic yards. Phases 1 and 2 are close to final elevations with a remaining waste airspace of 8,830 and 28,590 cy, respectively. The waste is currently being placed on phases 3 and 4 with a remaining waste airspace of 10,800 cy and 9,535 cy, respectively. Phase 5 has a 141,700 cy remaining waste airspace. The total waste volume in place is 220,745 cy with a remaining airspace of 199,455 cy.

The following changes to the permit are made through this permit action:

- The permit has been updated to reflect current MPCA templates and standard citation formatting.
- Due to the current pandemic event, the Permittee has agreed to install and complete the final cover by 2021 on Phases 1 and 2.
- The permitted capacity for this reissuance is 320,745 cy for the next 10-years based on the waste in place since 2017.

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.