

General information

Public comment period begins: January 23, 2018

Public comment period ends: 4:30 p.m. on February 21, 2018

Current permit issued: April 16, 2008

Current permit expiration date: April 16, 2013

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

Name and address of Permittee:	Facility name and location:	MPCA contact person:
Lamb's LLC PO Box 415 Schroeder, MN 55613-0415	Lamb's Composting Facility 735 Cramer Road Schroeder, MN 55613 Cook County	Greg Kvaal Resource Management and Assistance Division Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, MN 55155 Phone: 651-757-2511 Email: greg.kvaal@state.mn.us
		File manager phone: 651-757-2728 or 1-844-828-0942

A draft permit and permit application are 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.

Description of Lamb's Composting Facility

The Lamb's Composting Facility accepts petroleum contaminated soil for remediation through the composting process. The composting process involves mixing contaminated soil with manure and/or fertilizer and a bulking agent (wood, hay, sawdust). The material is formed into windrow type piles with perforated drain tile used for passive aeration. Treated soil is used as controlled fill.

The current lined compost area is approximately 47,100 square feet in size (1.1 acres) and is constructed on one (1) foot of recompacted clay overlain with six (6) inches of compacted sand and gravel, including leachate collection. Run-on and run-off control is controlled by a minimum of two (2) foot high clay perimeter berms around the lined areas. Additional berms have been constructed around each individual compost pile to contain the water that directly contacts the pile for reuse as moisture control. Leachate collected in the lined area outside of the internal berms is reused for moisture control in the compost piles. Additional leachate storage is provided with an on-site storage pond designed for a minimum 10-year/24-hour storm event. Discharge of leachate from the storage pond to waters of the state is not allowed. Excess water from the pond will be hauled to a permitted wastewater treatment facility. Each compost pile will be vegetated to help control run-on/run-off, odor, temperature, and moisture content. The proposed expansion area will be approximately 52,000 square feet (1.2 acres) in size and will be constructed and operated similar to the current lined compost area. Complete design plans shall be submitted for MPCA approval prior to any expansion. The facility is open to commercial haulers only; access to private citizens is prohibited.

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.