

Public Notice of a preliminary decision to approve a SWMP

Solid Waste

General information

Public comment period begins: July 31, 2021

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

Name and address(s) of County, District, or Multicounty Area:

*Additional information may also be
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A draft Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) is available for review at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) office address listed under the MPCA contact person. The MPCA will mail or email a copy of the draft SWMP 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 SWMP

Sherburne County (County) has prepared a Solid Waste Management Plan (Plan) which proposes a waste management system that will result in, by the year 2031, the reduction of municipal solid waste being disposed of by approximately 54 percent by weight. This will be accomplished through the continuation of its education, small business assistance grants for recycling, recycling programs, yard waste, and household hazardous waste collection programs. Three percent will be transported to the Waste to Energy Facility in Alexandria, Minnesota for waste processing and energy recovery. Approximately 43 percent will be sent to the Elk River Landfill in Sherburne County, Minnesota for final disposal (approximately one percent will be disposed of at two other Minnesota landfills.) The balance of the waste will be managed onsite; however, the County has enacted a ban on burning Mixed Municipal Solid Waste onsite and will continue to promote proper disposal of waste throughout the County. The duration of the Plan approval is ten years.

Pursuant to Minn. R. 9215.0850, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) hereby gives notice of its intent to approve the County's Plan. The intent to approve this SWMP is tentative.

Procedure for public participation

As stated in Minn. R. 9215, there are formal procedures for public participation in the MPCA's consideration of this matter. Interested persons may:

- Submit written comments on the draft SWMP.

Submitting written comments

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

- (1) a statement of the person's interest in the SWMP;
- (2) a statement of the action the person wishes the commissioner to take, including specific references to the SWMP that the person believes should be changed; and
- (3) the reasons for the person's position, stated with sufficient specificity to allow the commissioner to assess the merits of the person's statements.

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.