Public Notice of Intent to Issue
Solid Waste Permit SW-661 to
Red Wing Solid Waste Campus

General information

Public comment period begins: November 1, 2019
Public comment period ends: December 2, 2019 (4:30 p.m.)

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to issue 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 the MPCA Rochester 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 Red Wing Solid Waste Campus

The city of Red Wing proposes to modify its existing Solid Waste Campus (SWC) by installing a material recovery facility (MRF) and refuse derived fuel (RDF) system capable of producing a combined 225 tons per day of RDF and mass burn fuel (MBF) (Project). The City plans to utilize existing equipment as well as refurbish and incorporate new equipment into a reconstructed and rehabilitated MRF & RDF processing building.

The processing of municipal solid waste (MSW) through a MRF and shredding MSW to make MBF and RDF is proposed to reduce the volume of waste entering landfills by recovering recyclable material and diverting combustible material for energy generation. In addition to the processing of MSW waste, the facility also processes several other waste streams including demolition waste (removing material that can be recycled or beneficially reused) and mattresses (removing metal for recycling with the remaining material diverted for MBF or RDF).

The SWC also stores solid waste material including incoming concrete prior to transferring it offsite for crushing/reuse as well as trees, brush and clean dimensional lumber, which are shredded or chipped for use either for landscaping purposes or as fuel in the metro area. The facility segregates and/or separately collects and stores the following materials for recycling either by picking the items out of MSW and demolition wastes, from the MRF process, or from public drop off: plastic, aluminum, ferrous metals, glass, cardboard, mixed paper, electrical wiring, appliances, and electronics. Tires are collected and stored prior to being sent off site for reuse, or processed for fuel recovery. The facility receives yard waste and composts it for use in the community and region. The facility also accepts some single sort recyclables primarily for transfer to other recycling MRF’s located in the metro area.

All of these activities result in an RDF process of 40,000 tons per year, a MBF process of 20,000 tons per year, a solid waste transfer activity of 20,000 tons per year, a solid waste recycling activity of 10,000 tons per year, a solid waste storage activity of 5,000 tons per year, and a compost/wood chipping activity of 20,000 tons per year, for a combined facility processing capacity of 115,000 tons per year.

An Environmental Assessment Worksheet was prepared and distributed for a 30-day review and comment period for the proposed facility modification, from September 9, 2019, through October 9, 2019.

The preliminary determinations to issue 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.