

2026 Spring Solid Waste Landfill Operator Training

for New Certification



Type II and III Solid Waste Facility Operator Certification Trainings

Each two-day course, which includes an exam, is intended for professionals pursuing careers in demolition/industrial waste, or municipal solid waste management. Each course develops the level of competency required to operate and inspect solid waste landfills.

Training consists of basic math and science principles, public health considerations, applicable rules and regulations, waste screening, asbestos, stormwater issues, facility operations and closure/post-closure compliance. Lunch will be provided.

Successful completion of the exam is required to become a certified operator. This certification is valid for three years.

****New Certification Classes****

Per Minn. R. 7048.0800, subp. 1, Type II and Type III new certification registrations require an Exam Application (pg. 3 and 4 of this form) in addition to the registration form. All forms must be postmarked at least 15 days prior to the class date. Email address on forms is mandatory.

Municipal Solid Waste Certification Training

Type II | 15 contact hrs (Class limit 15)

\$375 = \$345 Training Fee + \$15 Exam Fee + \$15 Issuance of Certification Fee

Agenda

Day 1 Training sessions 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Day 2 Training sessions 8 a.m. – noon
Certification exam 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

☐ **February 24 – 25, 2026**

Crow Wing County Land Services
322 Laurel St
Brainerd, MN 56401

Postmarked
by
February 10

Demo & Industrial Certification Training

Type III | 9 contact hrs (Class limit 20)

\$375 = \$345 Training Fee + \$15 Exam Fee + \$15 Issuance of Certification Fee

Agenda

Day 1 Training sessions 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
Day 2 Training sessions 8 a.m. – noon
Certification exam 1 p.m. – 3 p.m.

☐ **February 10 – 11, 2026**

Lyon County Law Enforcement Ctr
611 W Main St
Marshall, MN 56258

Postmarked
by
January 27

☐ **March 17 – 18, 2026**

Polk County Transfer Station
320 Ingersoll Ave
Crookston, MN 56716

Postmarked
by
March 3

☐ **March 31 – April 1, 2026**

Dakota County Technical College
1300 145th St E
Rosemount, MN 55068

Postmarked
by
March 17

☐ **April 14 – 15, 2026**

Voyageurs National Park
Headquarters
360 Hwy 11 E
International Falls, MN 56649

Postmarked
by
March 31

☐ **April 28 – 29, 2026**

Olmsted County Environmental
Resources Building
2122 Campus Dr SE
Rochester, MN 55904

Postmarked
by
April 14

Registration

- No walk-in registrants will be accepted.
- Registrations that do not include the required exam application will not be accepted.
- Registration is managed on a first-come, first served basis. Registrants will be notified if their workshop is filled.
- Courses subject to cancellation due to low enrollment.
- **For registration questions contact Samantha Koski**
651-757-2496 or 800-657-3864 samantha.koski@state.mn.us

(Please copy to register more than one person.)

Complete and print this form.
Mail or fax it with your payment.



DO NOT email it as an attachment with credit card information!

**\$345 Training Fee + \$15 Exam Fee + \$15
Issuance of Certification Fee = \$375**

Legal name (print)

Training date & location

Business/employer

Business address

City, State, ZIP

Telephone

Email (*Required*)

Tennessen Warning: Some of the information you are being asked to provide on this form (i.e., some of your credit card details) is classified by state law (Minn. Stat. § 13.37, subd. 1a) as private data. You are being asked to provide this information to assist the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in processing your training payment. You are not required to provide any of the requested information. If you provide the requested information, this will assist the agency in processing your payment. If you do not provide this information, the agency may be unable to process your payment. The private information that you provide will be available only to those within the agency and the State whose work assignments reasonably require access to it and to other entities/persons authorized by law or court order.

Credit Card

☐ American Express ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard

Card #

Expires

Cardholder name

Security code

Address

City, State, ZIP

Telephone

Email (*Required*)

Amount

Cardholder signature

US BANK will be charging a separate service fee of 2.15% for all credit card transactions and 1.25% for all debit card transactions. A separate **non-refundable** service fee will be displayed on your credit card statement, in addition to the MPCA charged training fee.

Refunds: To receive a refund for the training, you must cancel at least 48 hours before.
The exam application fee is nonrefundable

Check

Check #

Amount

payable to:

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

Mail with payment to:

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

ATTN: Fiscal – 6

520 Lafayette Rd. North

St. Paul, MN 55155-4194

Fax with payment to 651-797-1385.

OR

Email without payment to:

samantha.koski@state.mn.us to receive an invoice and link for the option to pay online.

Certification exam application for Type II and III waste disposal facilities

Solid Waste Program

Doc Type: Certification Application
Instructions: Read this entire form and complete it in full. **Incomplete applications will not be accepted.**
Please note the Tennessen warning on page 2.
Type II – Sanitary, modified sanitary, and sludge landfills.
Type III – Demolition waste and non-hazardous industrial waste facilities.
For questions, please contact Samantha Koski at 651-757-2496 or samantha.koski@state.mn.us.

***Check certification (Required: choose one from each category below):**
☐ Operator ☐ Inspector

***Required – choose one from below:**
☐ Type II ☐ Type III

MPCA Use Only	
Company name:	
Check number:	
Amount of check:	
Date of check:	
Date deposited:	
Exam results:	<input type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail
Exam/Issue date:	
Certificate #:	

***Denotes required field**
Location of exam*: _____

*A. General Information

Last name*: _____ **First name*:** _____ **Middle initial:** _____

Present position: _____ **Employer:** _____

Name of landfill (if applicable): _____

Home address: _____

Designated mailing address: _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____ **County:** _____

Email*: _____

Present MPCA participant ID #: _____ **Business phone number:** _____

*B. Training and education **Required by MN Rule 7048.0600**

List all relevant short courses, in-service training, extension, individual college, courses, etc., completed during the last three years. They must relate to the type of landfill certification for which you are applying.

***Include the certification class that you are registering for to take the exam. MSW = 15 hrs, CDIW = 9 hrs**

Course title	Course hours	Subject	Location	Dates

*C. Experience **Required by MN Rule 7048.0600**

How many months have you been employed as an operator or inspector at this type of waste disposal facility? _____

In what capacity? _____

***D. Education** Required by MN Rule 7048.0600Do you have a high school diploma or equivalent? ☐ Yes ☐ No

Name of high school: _____

Higher education

College, university or vocational school	Dates attended	Major	Credits or degree	Date of graduation

E. Inspections (Inspectors only)

List location of each inspection and name of certified inspector who accompanied you. You must complete 10 inspections in the presence of a certified inspector prior to taking the inspector exam

Location of inspection	Name of certified inspector

***F. Certification**

Tennessen warning: Pursuant to Minn. Stat. § 13.41, the information you provide on this application is classified as private data (except for your name and designated address) until the time you are licensed/certified. Once you are licensed/certified, all the information provided will be classified as public data and become part of the MPCA's public file. If you are not licensed/certified, the information provided (except for your name and designated address) will continue to be classified as not public data. You are being asked to provide the requested information to assist the MPCA in processing your application. The MPCA will use the information when determining your qualifications for obtaining a license/certification. You are not legally required to provide any of the requested information. If you supply the requested information, it will be used to process your application. If you do not supply the requested information, it will be difficult for the MPCA to determine your qualifications for licenser/certification. While your application is pending, the not public data that you submitted will be available only to authorized personnel within the agency and to those authorized or required by law or court order. In such cases, it may then be shared with other agencies, including the Minnesota Department of Revenue, the Office of the Minnesota Attorney General and persons contacted for purposes of verification or investigation. Submitting false information is grounds for denying your application or suspending, revoking, or taking other disciplinary action against your credentials after it is issued.

I declare that all information provided is true and complete. I hereby acknowledge that I have read and understand the information above.

Print name: _____ Title: _____

Signature: _____ Date (mm/dd/yyyy): _____