

General information

Public comment period begins: February 1, 2018

Public comment period ends: 4:30 p.m. on March 2, 2018

Current permit issued: April 6, 2010

Current permit expiration date: April 6, 2015

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

Name and address of Permittee:

Waste Management of Minnesota Inc.
W132 N10487 Grant Dr.
Germantown, WI 53022

Facility name and location:

WM Sauk Centre Transfer Station
39864 US Highway 71
Sauk Centre, MN 56378-8431
Stearns County
T126N, R34W, Section 027

MPCA contact person:

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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> 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.

Watershed: Sauk River

Receiving water: NA

Description of permitted facility

Waste Management Sauk Centre Transfer Station (Facility) is a Mixed Municipal Solid Waste (MMSW) transfer station with recycling operations. The Facility began transfer station operations after receiving MPCA solid waste permit SW-329 in November 1988. Waste Management of Minnesota, Inc., purchased the transfer station building and land around the building in December 2017. If issued, the permit recognizes Waste Management of Minnesota, Inc., as the new owner and operator of the Facility.

The Facility will be open to private haulers and the general public Monday through Saturday. Vehicles will be weighed on entering and before leaving the facility. All waste handling will be contained within the 120 foot x 200 foot transfer building. Vehicles will dump the waste directly into the transfer trailer when possible. Alternatively, the waste will be dumped on the tip floor, within the transfer building, and loaded into the below-grade transfer trailer using a front end loader. Recyclables will be sorted from waste that is deposited on the tip floor. The Facility will also accept and process source separated recyclable materials. The Facility has equipment and storage areas for handling recyclable materials within the building. All contact water is collected in a holding tank and hauled by a licensed septic hauler when full.

If issued, the permit will authorize an increase to the permitted capacity for MMSW transfer from 50 tons per day, to 100 tons per day, or 31,200 tons per year. If issued, this permit will authorize an increase to the permitted capacity for recyclable materials from 10 tons per day, to 50 tons per day, or 15,600 tons per year. Recyclable materials consist of single sort materials as well as tires, appliances, and batteries.

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.