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Shakopee Landfill Environmental Concerns		
Adam Levy	I'm writing out of concern over what may happen to the Shakopee environment if landfills are allowed to expand. After reading the MPCA announcement, I can sympathize with the city's aim to procure a short term solution so that metro residents are guaranteed a place to store their waste, and I am grateful that the city is pledging to look into longer term solutions. However, as a fellow Minnesotan, I have concerns with the landfill expansion so close to the Minnesota River and populated regions, and would like to consider alternatives. In the announcement, it states that some of the metro area garbage is going to landfills out of state. Is it possible that in the short term, more garbage can be sent to facilities out of state, instead of expanding the existing landfills? If this cannot be done, are there facilities further away in Minnesota that already have sufficient storage space to accommodate for increased metro waste or can one be created in a relatively unpopulated area away from natural water resources such as the Minnesota River?	MPCA understands the community concerns about landfilling in Shakopee near the Minnesota River. The certificate of need process simply identifies the need for a particular facility to accept waste. The Dem-Con facility must go through the environmental review process and the permitting process in order to accept the additional waste. Those two processes are very important as they will ensure that community and environmental health are protected prior to the operation of the facility. They also will provide additional opportunity to comment on this landfill, however, we have passed these comments along to appropriate staff.
Amy Shah	I have heard that the site of the current, cleaner construction landfill upstream of Shakopee, close to the river between 169 and Chaska is applying to convert itself into a catch-all garbage dump for business and municipal trash. Converting a landfill into a catch-all garbage dump raises many environmental concerns, including water and air pollution, and the state should expand the garbage dumps that already exist to meet need, not add more new dumps in the river valley. I believe an environmental issue raised by this proposal can and should be completely avoided.	See comment in row 3
B. Susan Nelson	A land fill that large would start to leech into the ground and into the ground water. The smell becomes overwhelming! And in general is an ecologically bad idea.	See comment in row 3
Brian Hayes	I strongly discourage the idea that we need to expand. If other permits are being sought I believe the people of Shakopee would much rather see and incremental increase to garbage fees versus an expansion. Shakopee is thriving but still seems to face challenges that come with listening to the newer residents. I fully understand there is a diverse population of both new residents and those who have been part of the community for a long time. I would encourage you to take into consideration the voice of all residents and the long term and short term impacts of this decision. There is still time and waiting will not make it impossible to explore this option again at a later date.	See comment in row 3
Brittany Huebl	I have been hearing about a garbage dump that is looking to either go into or expand in Shakopee. Can you please outline for me what exactly is looking to go on and where? Also, I was wondering, what necessitated this change at this time?	See comment in row 3
Cole Anderson	I'm writing in regards to the proposed conversion of the Shakopee Garbage Dump into an all purpose dump. Allowing the conversion to go through poses a risk to the water quality in the river valley, the local environment and is sure to create a smelly eyesore for the surrounding region. The proposal should be denied.	See comment in row 3
Dan Healy	Please do not increase the capacity of the Dem Con landfill. It is close to the river and I wish to raise my children in a clean, pollutant free environment.	See comment in row 3
Dan Wandrei	Stop additional garbage dumping. Thanks.	See comment in row 3
Dave Magnuson	Don't forget the landfills will also need licenses from their County and local municipality in addition to the permit.	See comment in row 3
Deanna Reihls	Please preserve the quality of the Minnesota River and surrounding natural vegetation. Route this waste garbage to more suitable locations. Thank you.	See comment in row 3
Denise Nelson	Stop we need no more waste in Shakopee	See comment in row 3
Dhanunjay Boyapati	It is a big concern as we already facing other environmental issues. Strong odors from the disposal sites made us not to walk outside freely. Please take necessary actions to limit it.	See comment in row 3
Dan Schonhardt	Please consider the proposed new Garbage Dump along the Minnesota River outside Shakopee with extreme caution. I understand that site has a history of pollution concerns, and is concerningly close to critical habitat. Please consider expanding current Municipal waste sites before creating new ones.	See comment in row 3
Donnal Bellini	I VOTE NO ON THIS EXPANSION OF THE DEM-CON LANDFILL.	See comment in row 3
Duane Pell	Please, we don't want all that waste on Shakopee, MN! Thank you!	See comment in row 3
Duane Pell	No - to Shakopee expansion of waste	See comment in row 3
Edward King	I am totally opposed to bring refuse from the metro area to our nice clean area.	See comment in row 3
Emily Geselle	We live in Shakopee and we do not want the Dem-Con Landfill expanded. We do not want other communities bringing their garbage into our community. We do not want the pollution an expanded landfill would create.	See comment in row 3
Eric Frayseth	I would like to speak against the proposed expansion of the Dem-Con Landfill in Shakopee. This is not a good location for such a landfill. It's location in the Minnesota River Valley makes it a danger for residents and wildlife here and downstream. Risks of seepage and flooding events can carry pollutants far from the site, magnifying the impact.	See comment in row 3
Greta Huebl	I attended the virtual meeting regarding the garbage dump issue. I wanted to reach out to you, as I am not convinced that adding more dumps is the best way to solve the problem at hand. Rather, I was not impressed by the argument and answers provided during the meeting. I felt like the concerns of those opposed to the implementation of new garbage dumping grounds were not taken seriously. Kindly, think over what was brought up during the meeting and please do not force more garbage areas and air pollution unnecessarily.	See comment in row 3
Harathi Kundeti	I am very disappointed to know this news and its really concerning of our living in Shakopee.	See comment in row 3
Janet Belsaas	Shakopee does not want additional solid waste. We do not support expansion of our landfill. Affected municipalities have other options for their solid waste, since there are numerous other landfills of which we are well aware. STOP THE EXPANSION.	See comment in row 3
Jerri Madhu	I heard that Shakopee landfill area near Minnesota River is going get more waste, for which I object to the CON and not happy being a resident. If it is thought through all way long term, doing this near a river bank. The DemCon company doesn't care of about it, I guess it is business for them., people around it would be affected eventually. Governmet bodies. Please see that this CON is not approved without the review detailed consequences and listen the local voices.	See comment in row 3
Jesse Lara	No to the shakopee expansion!!	See comment in row 3
JoAnn Anderson	Too close to water sites, men river valley area.	See comment in row 3
Joel Lacinna	Regarding the Dem-Con Landfill in particular, but this could apply to all of the sites I suppose. Why is another system like the HERC Incinerator not being proposed? I live and hunt near the area of the Dem-Con facility in Shakopee. I for one am not interested in more waste going into the land than we have already.	See comment in row 3
John Emery	Local landfills should not be expanded.	See comment in row 3
John Scheele	I am concerned about the potential for contamination into drinking and river water down stream from Shakopee. I love in Chaska, and do not want to have additional landfill capacity anywhere near water, and I would prefer none at all.	See comment in row 3

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Joseph Huebl	I'm writing to you today about two things that I am quite concerned with regarding the proposed expansion of the Dem-Con Garbage Dump in Shakopee. First of all, what it will mean for the environment and the people living nearby... I'm from Jordan, so close enough by, and I have several friends from Shakopee, one who lives quite close to the current dump site. I was present in the virtual meeting held a week and a half ago, and I felt like all the questions regarding this were kicked under the rug of "that will be addressed by a different group...", "there's an environmental study going on now, so I can't answer that concern..." or "that's not my area of expertise so I really don't care...". So, without getting very clear answers, my initial concerns for the chance of damaging pollution to the MN River, the increased air pollution, and how this will change that side of Shakopee forever are still big concerns for me and people I know.	See comment in row 3
Joseph Huebl	Secondly, as a resident of Scott County, I want to know more about how you are advertising what you are looking to do to the greater community? It took a while before I realized what was going down, and if I hadn't been in the right place at the right time, I wouldn't have heard about it at all. So, I'm equally concerned that you aren't giving the residents of Scott/Carver County proper publicly advertised information so that they have the full opportunity to voice their thoughts and express their concerns.	See comment in row 3
Kim Khan	Please do not expand the waste to other areas. We are not a big city or have space. People that live by the waste smell it all summer long it stinks bad. It's way too close to houses already.	See comment in row 3
Kimberly Pierce	I am APPALLED!!! Why on earth would you consider this so close to a river? Do you politicians Ever go and inspect the source of the damage of what you might cause... please don't do this! You will ruin fishing, water shed and possibly future ecological conditions for the future!	See comment in row 3
Leroy Graunke	Why do many countries recycle up to 80% of their trash? We recycle about 20% of our trash ?!! RECYCLE need I say more!	See comment in row 3
Lonnie Nelson	Please do not create this dump in Shakopee!!!	See comment in row 3
Lori Huebl	In regards to the proposed Shakopee Garbage Dump, would you please answer why, if after losing their permit to take household waste decades ago due to the safety and pollution problems it caused, would you be looking to turn it, once again, into a garbage dump? Are there realistic, concrete measures set in place to counter any and all potential environmental problems that may occur, especially being so close to the Minnesota River? Having lived in Massachusetts for a number of years and seeing firsthand the effects of garbage dumping and the subsequent work involved to clean up the Connecticut River, I am quite concerned on how the proposed Shakopee Garbage Dump would affect the Minnesota River, and the consequences that would come from it.	See comment in row 3
Marc Anderson	I am writing to oppose expanding the garbage dump in Shakopee. This is unneeded and we should be utilizing existing garbage dumps to handle home and commercial waste. I am opposed to this expansion.	See comment in row 3
Mark Besaw	I heard about the proposed dumping facility next to the river and I say no!!! It would be bad for the environment and we have a lot of dumping facilities that could just be expanded. I urge you to not let this happen.	See comment in row 3
Meenatchi Arun	I live in Shakopee and am concerned that waste from faraway communities is being dumped in Shakopee landfill causing a pollution hazard. I object to this expansion.	See comment in row 3
Merci Bush	As I resident of Shakopee, I'm concerned with additional dumping of waste at CON creating more adverse health and environmental exposure for the community. The state should explore ways to reopen great river energy to intake the growing waste or other counties/regions by district find ways to be accountable for their own waste management. Thank you!	See comment in row 3
Michael Joth Loder	Please don't increase the size of our dump!!	See comment in row 3
michael Macomber	I really didn't want other peoples garbage in My town	See comment in row 3
Mike Jensen	I am not excited to make the landfill much bigger. Let's leave it as is. Too close to the river anyway.	See comment in row 3
Mitzy Gonzalez	There are so many different ways to dispose of trash, please stop destroying our community.	See comment in row 3
Molly Anderson	I am strongly opposed to a garbage facility being located right near the Minnesota River, upstream from Shakopee. This poses a dangerous risk to the health and cleanliness of this vital waterway and the habitat that lives in and around the river. Furthermore, this is an absolutely needless risk since there are other options to expand already existing sites. Please take the long view on this issue and halt this disastrous proposal.	See comment in row 3
Murali Srinivasan	Expansion of the landfill to accommodate other counties puts an undue burden on the local community.	See comment in row 3
Nancy Brooks	Please add me to your list as of against expanding our waste. We're already to close to the river, let them find their own place to rid their garbage.	See comment in row 3
Nate Zoellner	Why are there not more WTE options being considered for servicing needs to Twin Cities and surrounding communities, instead of expanding landfill capacity? As a community member in Shakopee and neighbor to Burnsville, I prefer to not see additional land or capacity placed into those landfill areas. Thank you!	See comment in row 3
Nathan Factor	No more Garbage in Shakopee	See comment in row 3
Nathan Proano	I understand the need for more Municipal Landfills for metro waste, but I'm very concerned about the proposed site near Shakopee. There are other dump locations already accepting household trash, can we expand those? How can the MPCA possibly assure us that this new site will protect the wetlands and river that are so close to this site. Surely another location already exists or could be chosen with less environmental risk.	See comment in row 3
Nick Morgan	I write to express my opposition to the Certificate of Need Request for Permit SW-290 to expand the Shakopee Garbage Dump from a construction landfill to a general purpose landfill. This location used to be a general purpose landfill, but the site lost its permit because owners were unable to protect the nearby river and surrounding water sources from waste leaking or leaching out of the dump. This is why the site currently only takes construction waste. There is no reason why this site needs to be chosen as the next general purpose landfill in the state. There are other much safer locations in the state along with options for further expansion at landfills in Burnsville and Inver Grove Heights. While it is undeniable that in the coming decades Minnesota needs more space to store and dispose of general waste being produced by its citizens, approving this Certificate of Need is a short term fix with likely and dangerous long term damage to the surrounding environment, wildlife, and residential neighbors.	See comment in row 3
Parviz Mirzamohammadi	Please do not dump more trash in our community.	See comment in row 3
Rachel Leino	To increase landfill space is ridiculous as more should be done on the front end to reduce waste. It is foolish to add additional landfill space upstream of a water source. Not only are you further polluting the land, now you are also increasing the risk to contaminate water. This is all ridiculous!	See comment in row 3
Riana Hansen	As a resident of Shakopee/Louville Township, I am strongly opposed to increasing capacity in this landfill. There are many other options that are safer and keep this large a level of garbage out of our community. Stop the expansion, please.	See comment in row 3

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Roger Winning	I'm not for expanding the landfill in Shakopee as our ground water and water supplies are being affected by the landfill so close to the Minnesota river.	See comment in row 3
Rose Marie Thurmer	Hi I vote no to a huge new land fill	See comment in row 3
Sara Kershner	Please stop the expansion of the upriver landfill in Shakopee to take waste from faraway communities. Protect our precious waterways and lakes. It's what we must do!	See comment in row 3
Shana Nguyen	I'm really concerned about the garbage that you're proposing to dump in my town of Shakopee. please don't let this happen.	See comment in row 3
Sopha Nhep	Shakopee landfills should served Shakopee residents .	See comment in row 3
Srikanth Yanamandala	Don't Dump Shakopee	See comment in row 3
Stephanie Peoples	I am already shocked that there's a landfill so close to the Minnesota River. It would be even worse to expand it. Let's find a better way and don't expand this.	See comment in row 3
Strawhill Farm	I know it's already a landfill but please no residential garbage! The Minnesota River valley is polluted enough even though it's still beautiful living along the River we've seen what garbage dumps leave behind! Please please not here! It's been so secretive and that's even more reason to be concerned about this issue! We live on the Carver county side of the River in downtown Chaska and are very concerned about this possibly happening. Please we beg you not to allow this. Thanks kindly for listening to our voice.	See comment in row 3
Sudha	STOP Please.	See comment in row 3
Sue Harthun	This should be a violation of the clean air and water act. This facility is too close to the already polluted Minnesota River. The consequences of runoff from this site into the Minnesota River valley will be detrimental to the river quality. The state of Minnesota along with the MPCA and Met Council Environmental Services should have a bigger voice in this matter. This should not be allowed to go forward.	See comment in row 3
Tasha H.	I recently participated in an online, informational meeting discussing the conversion of Shakopee's construction landfill into a much larger dump handling municipal garbage. During the discussion, many concerns were raised regarding the environmental impact this may have. At that time, you claimed that no results had returned from any studies. I am writing you today to ask if that information has come through, and when the public will have a chance to review it. Will this opportunity be provided before the final decision is made?	See comment in row 3
Terri Schultz	Do Not allow more capacity in our landfill!!!!	See comment in row 3
Thomas Sebastian	Please don't dump in Shakopee	See comment in row 3
Tom Skol North	As longtime resident of Shakopee, I'm deeply troubled after reading about the negative impact the new proposed garbage dump will have on our community and the critical habitat of the Minnesota River Valley. It's my understanding that there are a couple of preexisting sites that could be expanded rather than create this new site that will be disruptive to the local environment. Please vote no on the new proposed garbage dump!	See comment in row 3
Tracy Eberle	Stop this. Shakopee deserves better. No to landfill in scakopee.	See comment in row 3
Velusamy Sudhahar	Please stop the expansion of landfill in Shakopee.	See comment in row 3
Vonda Olson	Please do not expand the Shakopee landfill in order to accommodate materials from other communities. It is unfair to citizens of the Shakopee community. It places another burden on Shakopee. I object to the current plans to expand the Shakopee landfill.	See comment in row 3
Vonda Olson	The current thinking regarding expanding and using the Shakopee landfill for future needs of adjoining communities is not appropriate in my view. Each community should manage their own waste rather than burden other entities with that responsibility. Shakopee is a vital community deserving of respect and support. Using Shakopee to handle and contain trash from other areas places undue harm to the environment and aesthetic's of this community. Please search out alternatives.	See comment in row 3
Improve recycling and WTE to reduce need of land disposal		
Emmett Wagner	Could the solid waste be avoided by setting up better recycling systems and facilities or starting a composting program for food waste? If landfill disposal is the lowest preference by MN law, how are you trying to reduce the amount of waste that gets sent there?	The Metro Policy Plan provides the system structure that improves recycling and other methods of landfill diversion. There will be a draft plan out next summer, and you are encouraged to comment on that at that time. We have passed these comments along to appropriate staff involved with the Metro Policy Plan.
Ivan Clatke	We should have a facility that burns it and turns the process into electric energy as are doing in Barron co. and rusk co. wi.	See comment in row 75
Joel Lacina	Regarding the Dem-Con Landfill in particular, but this could apply to all of the sites I suppose. Why is another system like the HERC Incinerator not being proposed? I live and hunt near the area of the Dem-Con facility in Shakopee. I for one am not interested in more waste going into the land than we have already.	See comment in row 75
Youshi Mi	I don't think landfilling is a good way to manage waste. State should invest in the waste-to-energy project and research to better manage the waste in the future.	See comment in row 75
Other Comments		
Cindy Nash	Per our brief discussion after the meeting, there are also previously documented environmental justice concerns near the proposed Dem-Con site. These can be reviewed in the TH 41 Minnesota River Crossing Tier I Draft Environmental Impact Statement prepared by Mn/DOT in June 2007. Please refer to pages 139-146 (Pages 5-15 to 5-22) of this document: https://www.dot.state.mn.us/metro/projects/hwy41bridge/pdf/tier1deis.pdf . The most directly impacted is the Jackson Heights mobile home park located on Dem-Con Drive approximately ¼ mile east of the northern edge of the existing Dem-Con landfill.	Thank you for providing the draft environmental impact statement prepared by MnDOT. I have shared it with the environmental review staff that will be working on the Dem-Con environmental review process.
Walters Recycling and Refuse	We are strong supporters of both the proposed introduction of MSW capacity by Waste Connections at their C&D/Industrial landfill in Inver Grove Heights and Dem-Con's proposed introduction of MSW at their landfill in Shakopee. In the Twin Cities market, there are simply not enough landfill options for providers like us to bring MSW efficiently and cost-effectively after we maximize our agreed upon Waste-to-Energy tonnage allocations. And cost-effectively taking waste out of state makes no sense not to mention the potential safety issues with long haul drives. This challenge has a direct impact on our residential and commercial customers through increased pricing. From a social justice perspective these increasing costs for disposal disproportionately impact lower income households. Landfill tipping fees have continued to rise, we believe primarily due to the lack of competition for landfill space. Waste Management and Republic Services have a lock on the market and without competition, prices will continue to rise with no market checks in place. We pass these costs onto our customers and currently have little negotiation leverage to keep costs in check. In fact, over the past number of years as Republic's Pine Bend Landfill is reaching permitted capacity, they have shown little interest in allowing third party waste from haulers like us, so in effect, Waste Management has been the only viable option in the are.	Thank you for providing comments with regards to the preliminary determination of CON in the Twin Cities Metro Area (TCMA). It is helpful to have independent haulers comment about the need for additional landfills being helpful to your business.