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Online Services – General Permit for Concrete Burial Coverage

Step-by-step instructions for submitting a notice of coverage request.



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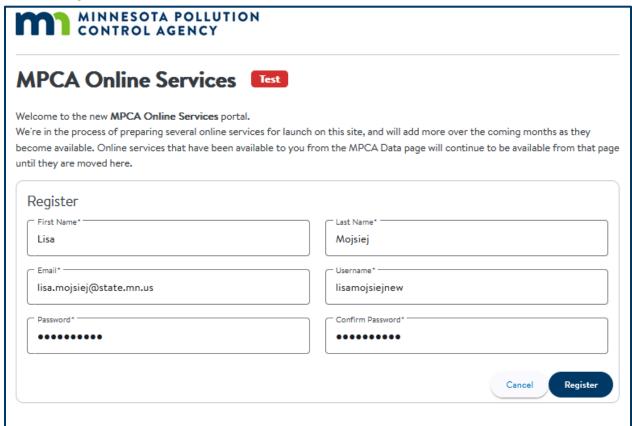
Introduction

This service is designed to replace the current paper application forms for solid waste permits and approvals. This includes individual permits, permit-by-rules, notices of coverage under the general permit, case-specific beneficial use determinations, and demonstration/research projects. This is the first of several releases. Future releases will enhance these services and add more services, such as reporting, planning, and notifications.

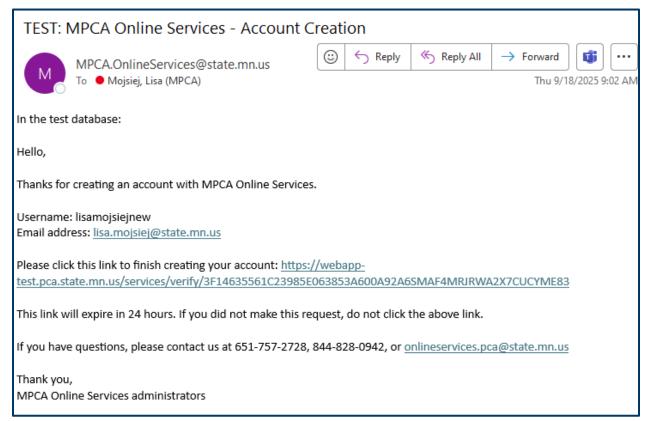
This document is specific to the General Permit Notice of Coverage service.

Setting up an account:

- 1. Login to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Online Services portal.
- https://webapp.pca.state.mn.us/services/login.
- Create an account if it's the first time using the online service portal for MPCA services (e.g., feedlot permitting, environmental data submittal, etc.). An electronic signature will also be created, which is needed for signing and certifying a submittal.
- Instructions for setting up an account and navigating the portal can be found in MPCA online services general portal guide (p-gen1-23).
 - If New Account: Once successfully logged in, add information to the profile and add contacts using the "Profile" and "My Contacts" tabs. More details for these tabs are provided in this guide.

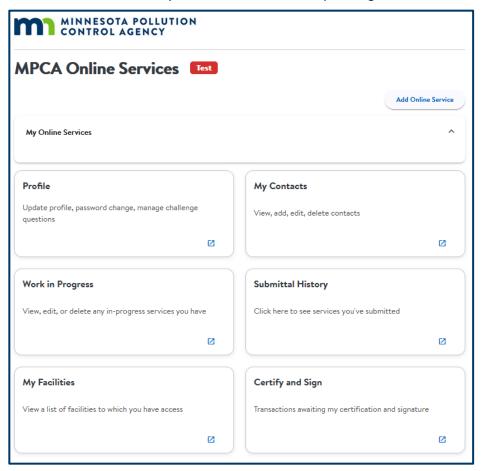


Once registered, the MPCA will send an email to the email address provided. The email will contain a link to finish creating the account.



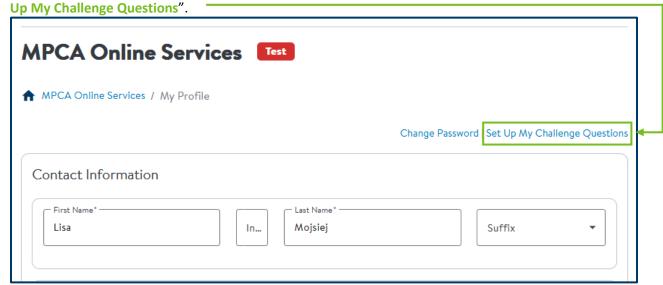
Clicking the link will open the login screen for the Online Services webpage. Enter the username and password that were recently created to enter the Online Services. Once logged in, the Home Screen will appear.

The Home Screen has many tools and features to help manage solid waste facilities.



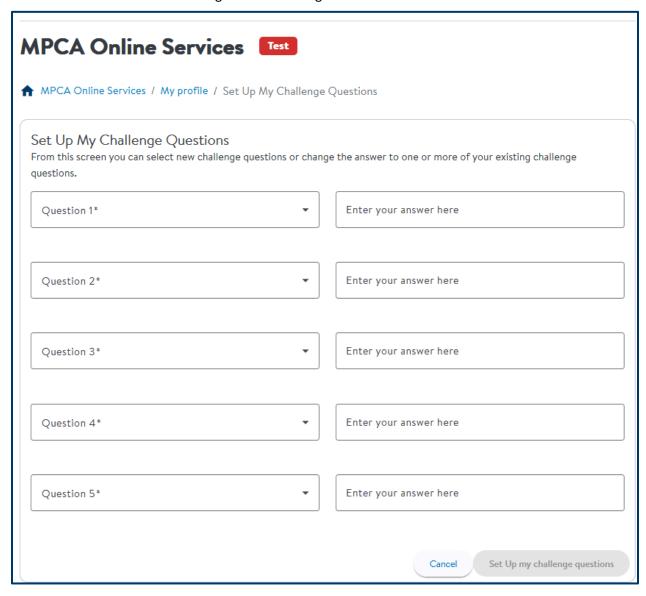
Profile

In order to complete any solid waste permitting or approval submittal, an electronic signature is required. For the General Permit for Concrete Burial, the Landowner needs to set up challenge questions to authenticate the electronic signature. This is done on the Profile Page. Click the link to "Set



Set up my challenge questions

Select a question from the available list of challenge questions and enter the answers. These will be used for authentication when using an electronic signature on submittals.



Once complete, the "Set Up my challenge questions" button on the bottom will be activated. Click this button to save the questions and answers. Once saved, the service reopens the "My Profile" Page and will display "Challenge questions update successful" at the top of the page. Additional changes to the "My Profile" page may be made if necessary. Click on the "Save Changes" button in the lower right section of the page to save any updates. Click on the "MPCA Online Services" link in the upper left section of the page to navigate back to the Home Page.

My online services

If an online services account exists with access established for certain services, those services will appear under "My Online Services". These services may be opened by clicking the "Launch" button.

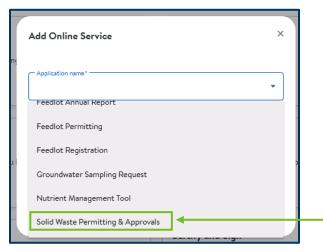


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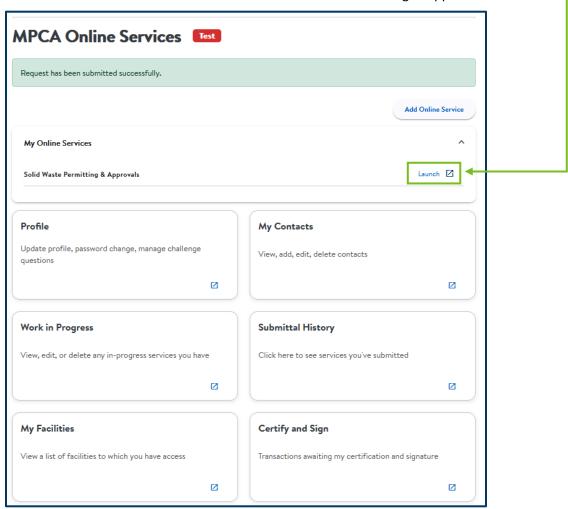
If Solid Waste Permitting & Approvals does not appear in the "My Online Services" list, or this is the first time entering the service, add the Solid Waste Permitting & Approvals service using the "Add Online — Service" button in the upper right corner of the page. Other online services, such as Environmental Data Submittal, may also be added this way. This step must be completed before creating a new facility or requesting access to an existing facility.



For the Burial of Concrete General Permit Notice of Coverage, select the "Solid Waste Permitting & Approvals" service from the drop-down list. And then click submit.



Back on the Home Page, the "Solid Waste Permitting & Approvals" should appear in the "My Online Services" section. Click on the "Launch" link to enter the Solid Waste Permitting & Approvals service.



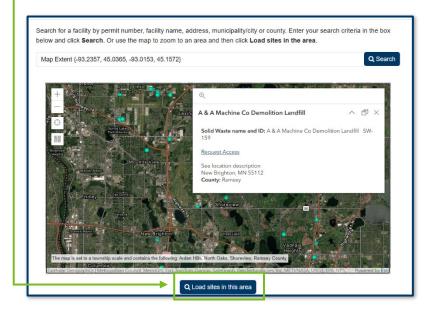
Add a facility

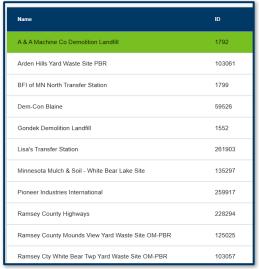
Once in the Solid Waste Permitting & Approvals service, the first step is to find the desired facility. The search tool allows search via text or the maptool. Before a new facility can be created in the service, a search must first be done to ensure that the facility doesn't already exist.

If searching by text, enter any portion of the facility's name and the search will show the results based on what has been entered. Text searches can also be done by using the city or county, and the search will return the solid waste facilities located within that city or county.

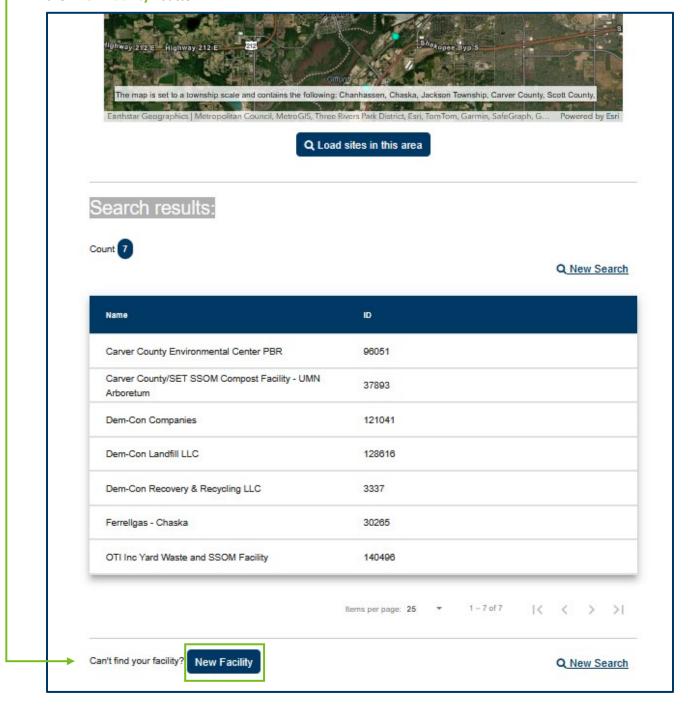


If searching using the maptool feature, zoom into the area where the facility is located and click the "load sites in this area" button below the map. The search tool will then display the solid waste facilities located in that area. The results will appear as both dots on the map and a list below the map.



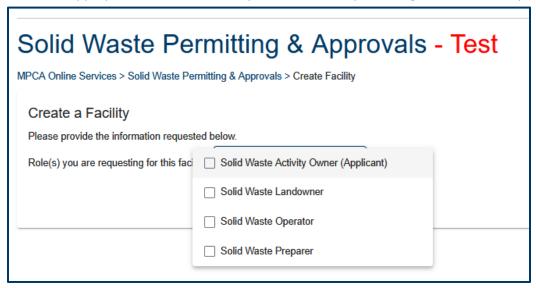


If the desired facility is not appearing, a new facility may be created. Below the search results, click on the "New Facility" button.



Roles/access level

Select the appropriate role for the facility. For solid waste permitting, there are four options.



The four different roles for the solid waste general permit are:

- Activity Owner Permittee MPCA review prior to approval (usually by next business day).
- Landowner Permittee MPCA review prior to approval (usually by next business day).
- Operator Permittee MPCA review prior to approval (usually by next business day).
- Preparer non-permittee access granted by a permittee.

One person may have all three permittee types, but a preparer cannot also be a permittee.

For Notice of Coverage under the General Permit for Concrete Burial, a Solid Waste Landowner <u>is</u> required.

Create a facility

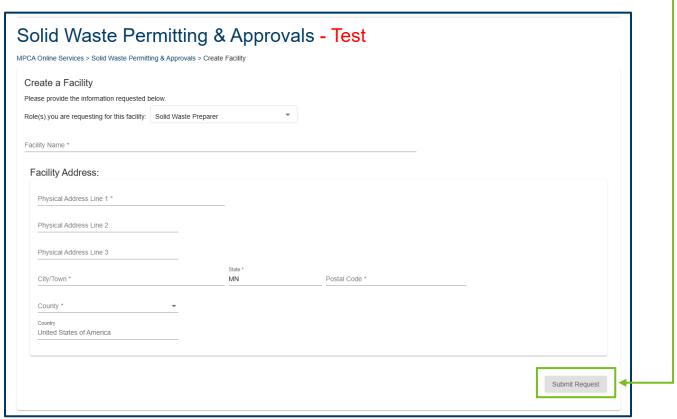
Prior to creating a facility, verify that the Solid Waste Permitting & Approvals service has been launched. See section Add online service for additional guidance.

After selecting a role and clicking "Next", the service will ask for the following information about the facility.



For a solid waste preparer:

Once the required fields are completed, click the "Submit Request" button in the bottom right corner of the screen.



A pop-up window titled "Address verification" will appear. The address verification uses the address provided and compares it to the USPS database. If there are potential matches, it will offer the option to use a more specific address or the address that was originally entered. Click the "Use this address" ——button next to the desired address to finish submitting the request.

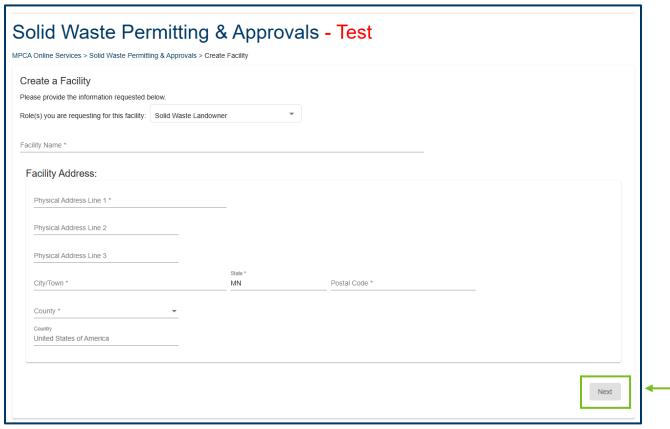


Once the request has been submitted, the following verification message will appear. The MPCA reviews all new facility requests to ensure duplicate facilities are not created. **This review may take 1-3 business days**. The MCPA will send an email notification once the facility has been created.



For a landowner:

Once the required fields are completed, click the "Next" button in the bottom right corner of the screen.



A pop-up window titled "Address verification" will appear. The address verification uses the address provided and compares it to the USPS database. If there are potential matches, it will offer the option to use a more specific address or the address that was originally entered. Click the "Use this address" button next to the desired address to finish submitting the request.

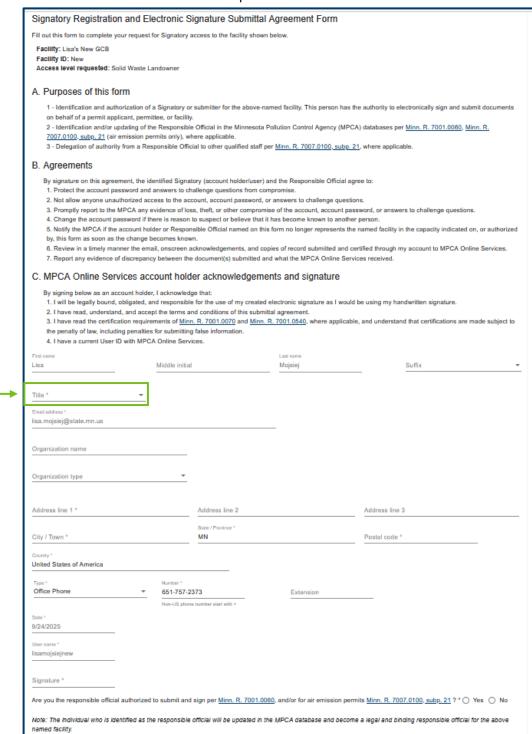


Once the request has been submitted, the signatory registration page will appear.

Signatory registration

This form must be completed to register as a signatory or legally responsible party for a solid waste permit or approval submittal. Please read the agreement information and complete the form.

For Notice of Coverage under the General Permit for Concrete Burial, the property owner should select "Land Owner" for the Title in the dropdown list below.

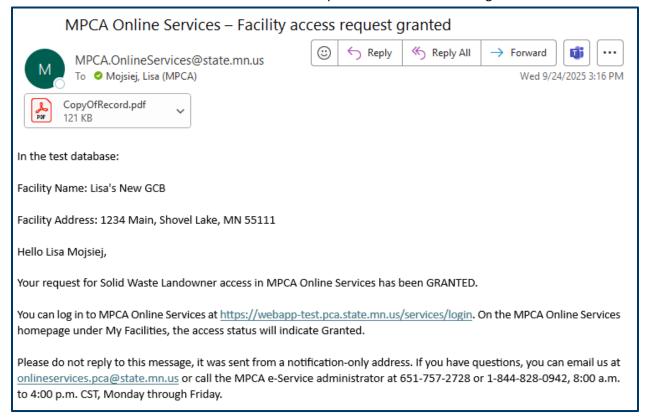


Once all required fields have been completed, the "Submit" button will be activated. If the "Submit" button is not activated, it means there may be a required field that was missed. Carefully review the form to ensure all fields have been completed.

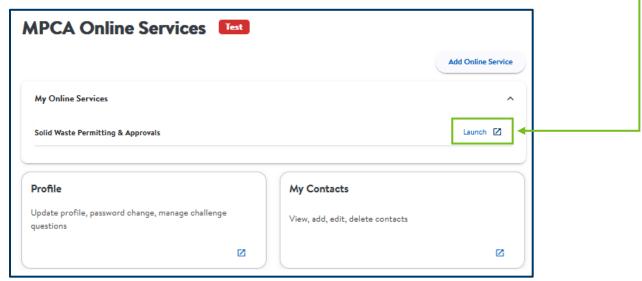
After the request has been submitted, the following verification message will appear. The MPCA reviews all new facility requests to ensure duplicate facilities are not created. **This review may take 1-3 business days**, and the MCPA will send an email notification once the facility has been created.

Your form has been submitted and your request will be reviewed by the MPCA. You will be notified by email when your access is granted or denied.

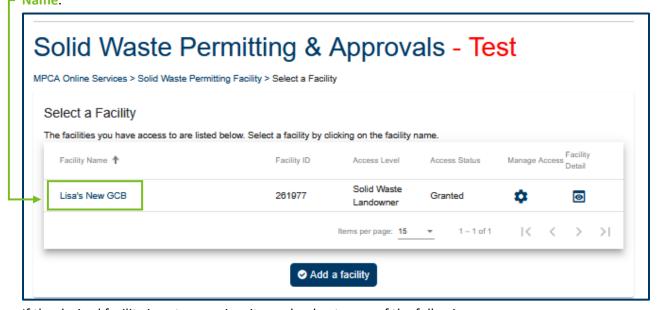
The MPCA will send an email when the review is complete and access has been granted.



With access granted, the submittal can now be completed. To start the submittal, click the "Launch" link for the Solid Waste Permitting & Approvals services.



Once in the service, the "Select a Facility" page will appear. Select which facility to work on. The facility that was created during the last step should appear here. Select this facility by clicking on the Facility Name.



If the desired facility is not appearing, it may be due to one of the following reasons:

- The "Create a Facility" steps were skipped. Please follow the guidance for creating a new facility, here.
- The MPCA is still reviewing the "Create a Facility" request. The MPCA reviews all new facility
 requests to ensure duplicate facilities are not created. This review may take 1-3 business days,
 and the MCPA will send an email notification once the facility has been created.
 - If a notification has been received that the facility has been created, and it is still not appearing in the "Select a Facility" page, please reach out to the MPCA.

Submittal

Permit application selection

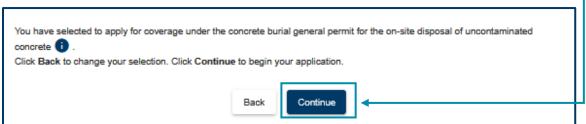
The "Permit Application Selection" page provides a list of the permits and approvals that the selected facility can submit. The list is based on the existing permits and approvals for the selected facility.

For example, if the facility already has an Individual Permit for a Demolition Debris Land Disposal Area, the Concrete Burial General Permit Notice of Coverage would not be available. For a full list of the criteria for the Concrete Burial General Permit Notice of Coverage, see our webpage (https://www.pca.state.mn.us/business-with-us/general-permit-for-concrete-burial).

Select "Concrete burial general permit notice of coverage".

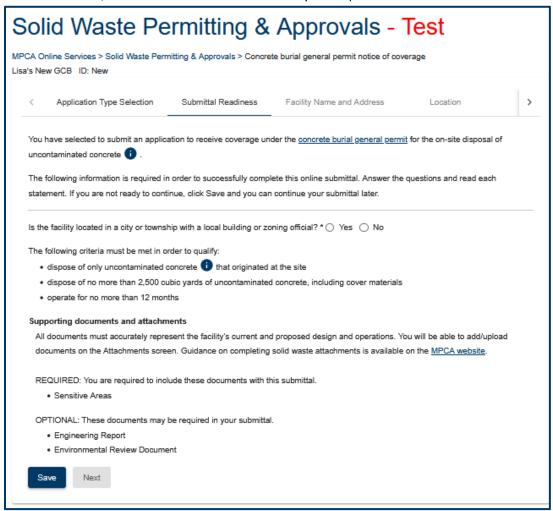


A pop-up window will confirm the correct submittal has been selected. Click the "Continue" button to proceed with the concrete burial general permit notice of coverage.



Submittal readiness

This screen is intended to assist in the preparation of the application by identifying what will be needed for the submittal, such as the attachments that may be required.



There is one question on this screen that must be answered to continue with the submittal. The question asks if there is a local (city or township) zoning official. If applicable, entering "yes" will ensure that the MPCA receives that person's contact information so that they can be notified of the submittal.

Then, the screen details the eligibility requirements for coverage under the general permit. This includes the volume limitations, timeframe, and that uncontaminated concrete is the only acceptable waste type to be managed.

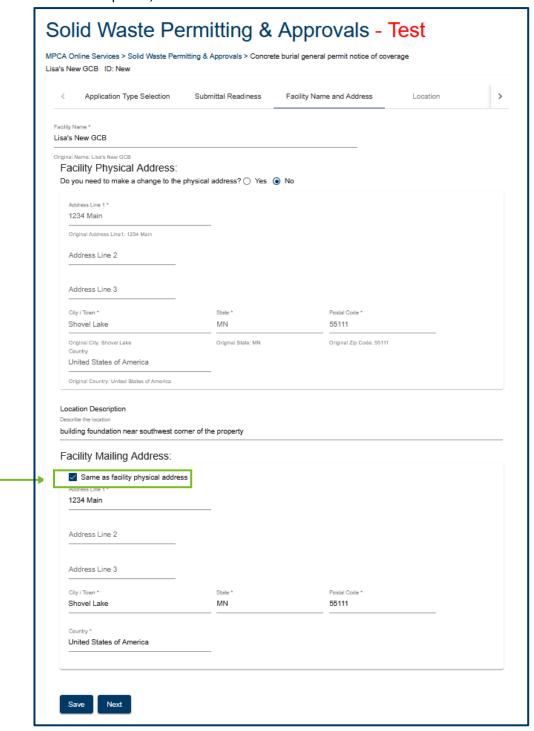
The final section of this screen identifies what attachments may be needed to complete the submittal. For this submittal, the Sensitive Areas form (<u>w-sw7-60</u>) is required and can be found on the <u>MPCA's webpage</u> under "Application supplemental forms". An engineering report or an environmental review document may be required depending on how subsequent questions are answered during the submittal. The MPCA will also contact the facility if it is determined these are necessary and were not submitted.

Facility name and address

This screen captures the facility's physical and mailing address. The physical address will be prepopulated with the address entered during the "Create a Facility" process or from the MPCA's database if it is an existing facility. However, the address may be updated if necessary. If the mailing

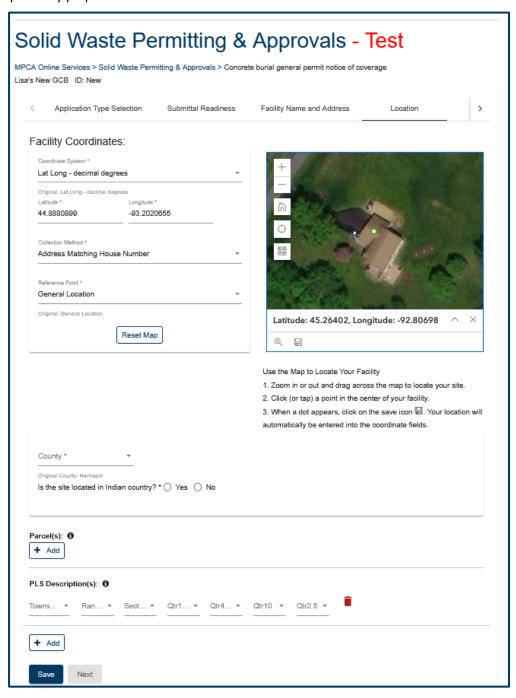
address is the same as the physical address, click the checkbox for

"Same as facility physical address". Otherwise, enter the desired mailing address. Once the required fields are completed, click the "Next" button.



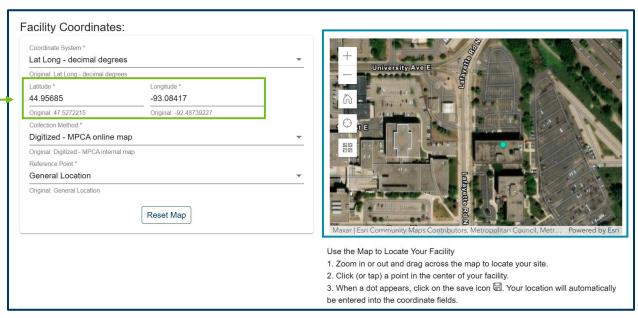
Location

This screen helps refine the actual location of the facility, especially when the physical address doesn't precisely pinpoint the correct location.



Facility coordinates

This section will prepopulate based on the physical address information entered during the previous step. Corrections can be made by entering new latitude and longitude coordinates or selecting a location on the map.



When selecting a new location on the map, the new location will appear as a yellow dot and the existing location will appear as a cyan dot. Click the save icon to update the location.

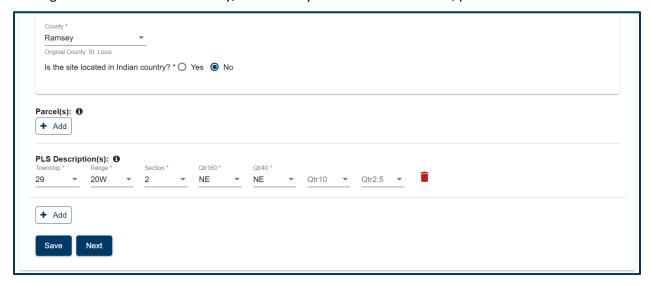


Use the Map to Locate Your Facility

- 1. Zoom in or out and drag across the map to locate your site.
- 2. Click (or tap) a point in the center of your facility.
- 3. When a dot appears, click on the save icon . Your location will automatically be entered into the coordinate fields.

Additional location detail

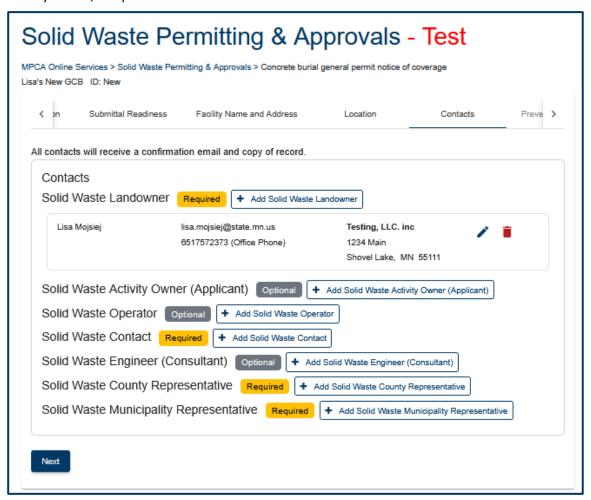
This section of this page records the county, parcel, and Public Land Survey (PLS) Quarter-Quarter Sections information. If the facility is located on more than one parcel, add a row for each parcel by clicking the "+ Add" button. Similarly, if the facility has more than one PLS, please add additional rows.



Once all the required information has been provided, click on the "Next" button to proceed with the submittal.

Contacts

The contacts screen details the contact information for all persons associated with the facility. This could include permittees, consultants, and local officials. This screen also prepopulates with information already entered in the service. Please verify all information here and make updates as needed. All required contact types must have at least one entry. Multiple entries are allowed for the landowner, activity owner, or operator.



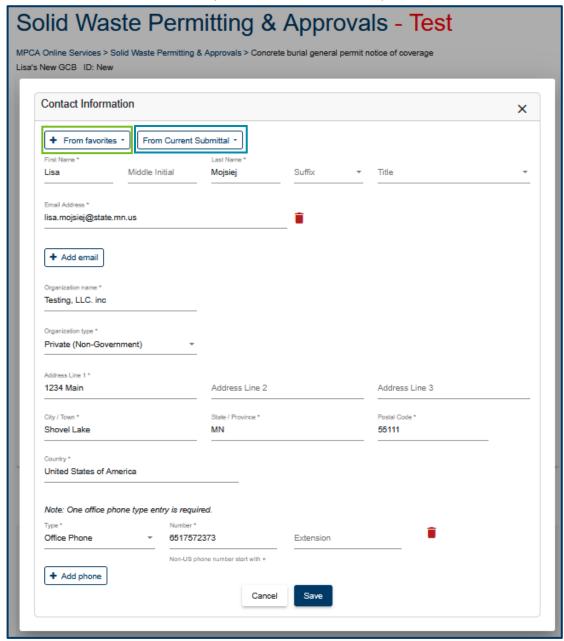
Modify Contacts:

- 1. Add a new contact by clicking the "+ Add _____" button.
 - Note: not all contact types allow multiple contacts.
- 2. Edit an existing contact by clicking the pencil icon.
 - A screen will open with that contact's information.
- 3. Delete an existing contact by clicking the trash can icon.



Contact information can be quickly added to contact cards using the "+ From favorites" and "From Current Submittal" drop down lists at the top of the screen. This helps reduce the amount of time it takes to provide the same contact or multiple contacts, as manual entry of a contact should only be necessary once.

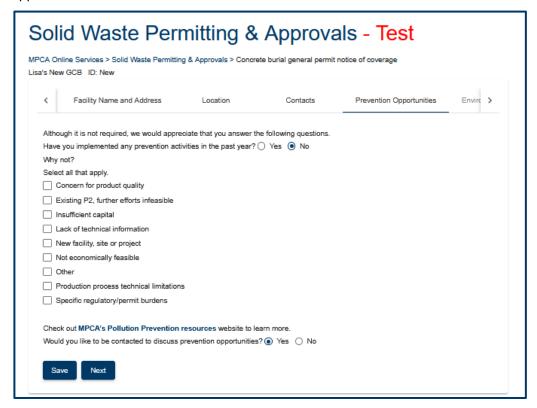
- The "+ From favorites" list is generated from the contacts saved in the "My Contacts" tab of the Online Services Account.
- The "From Current Submittal" list is generated from the contacts entered during this submittal. This would be useful if one person is a contact for multiple roles.



Once all required contacts have been entered, click the "Next" button. If not all of the information is readily available, there is an option to save the submittal and come back later to continue.

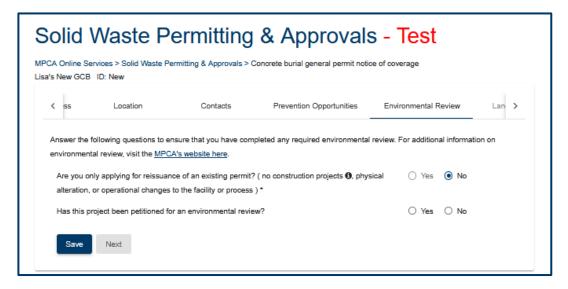
Prevention opportunities

This screen is optional and is intended to help facilities determine if there are pollution prevention opportunities available.



Environmental review

This screen is standard for all MPCA online services. It is a series of dynamic, yes/no questions designed to aid facilities in determining if an environmental review may be needed. If an environmental review is already underway, this screen will capture that information. There is also the option to attach any environmental review documents that have already been prepared.



Land disposal

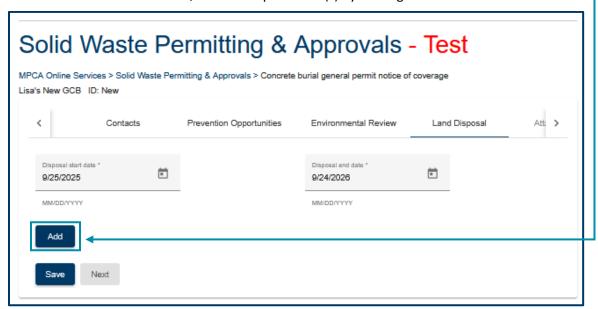
This screen captures the information specific to each land disposal area where concrete will be left inplace. If a facility has multiple land disposal areas, there should be an individual entry for each of the separate areas.

First, enter the dates when the disposal of uncontaminated concrete will start and end. This period cannot be more than 12 months, and the start date cannot be prior to the date of the submittal.

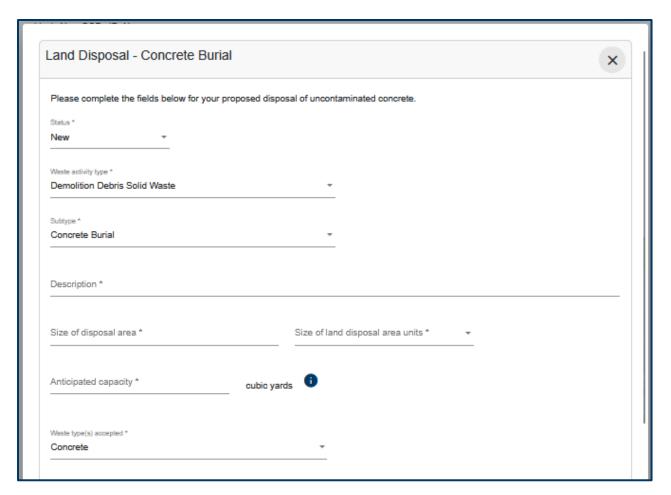
1. **Please Note**: if a date is initially selected for the start date but the submittal is not completed prior to that date, the following error message will occur. To correct this error, select a new start date that meets the criteria outlined in the error message below.



Once the dates have been entered, add the disposal area(s) by clicking the "Add" button.



After clicking the "Add" button, the "Land Disposal – Concrete Burial" pop-up widow will appear.



The following fields within the "Land Disposal – Concrete Burial" pop-up window are prepopulated and cannot be modified due to the limitations of the General Permit.

- Status defaults to "New".
- Waste activity type defaults to "Demolition Debris Solid Waste".
- Subtype defaults to "Concrete Burial".
- Waste type(s) accepted defaults to "Concrete".

The following fields need information to be input. This information should be site specific.

- Description a short description of the activity.
 - Example: Concrete Foundation Burial.
- Size of disposal area the size of the area where the concrete will be buried.
 - Note: this is not the whole parcel or property size, it should be limited to the area where concrete will be left in-place.
- Size of land disposal area units dropdown of available units for the size of this activity.
 - "Acres" or "Square feet" are the options for this field.
- Anticipated capacity the estimated volume for the uncontaminated concrete and cover materials.
 - This volume must be in cubic yards.
 - The **total volume for all disposal areas** is limited to 2,500 cubic yards; otherwise, the following error message will appear:

Anticipated capacity *

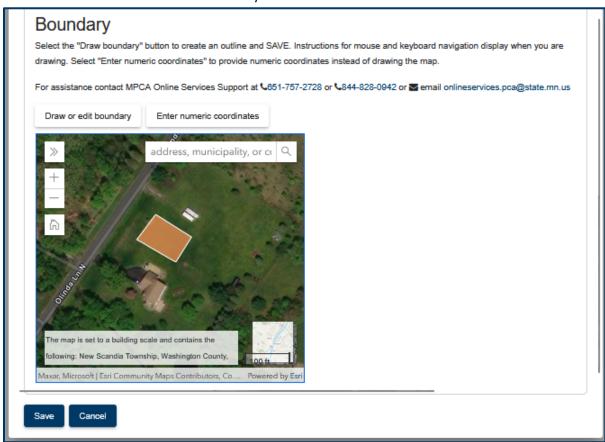
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cubic yards



You have exceeded the disposal volume allowed under the General Permit for the burial of clean concrete. Adjust entries until the total is 2,500 or less. Available capacity: -500 units.

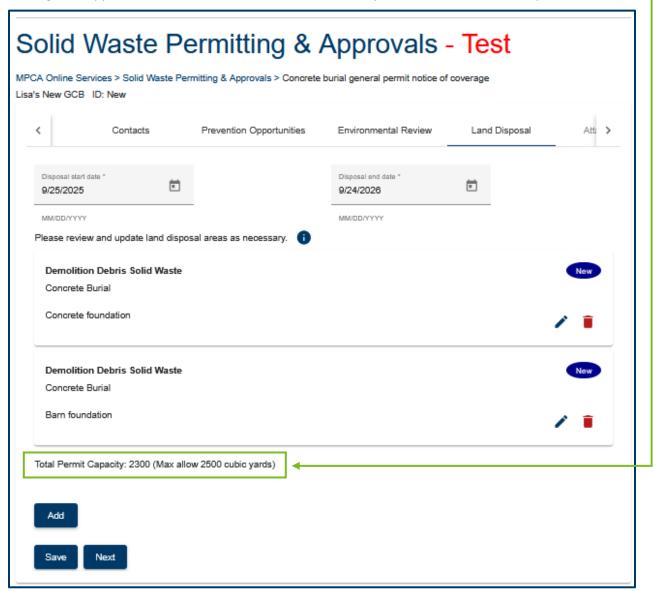
- To correct this error, reduce the "Anticipated capacity". The "Available capacity" at the bottom of the error message displays how many cubic yards need to be removed from the disposal area(s) to meet the 2,500 cubic yard limit.
 - If the anticipated capacity is over the 2,500 cubic yard limit, the General permit for concrete burial is not the correct permit or approval for the facility. Please review guidance on the MPCA's webpage to determine what permit or approval is needed.
- Boundary use the polygon tool to draw a shape around this land disposal area. This is not a regulatory boundary and is for spatial data only. The latitude and longitude coordinates may also be used to define the boundary.



Once completed, click the "Save" button to save the entered information. The service will then close the "Land Disposal – Concrete Burial" pop-up window and return to the Land Disposal tab.

Back at the Land Disposal tab, the area just entered should appear. If disposing of uncontaminated concrete in multiple areas, click the "Add" button. The process and information collected is the same for each area, as outlined in the steps above.

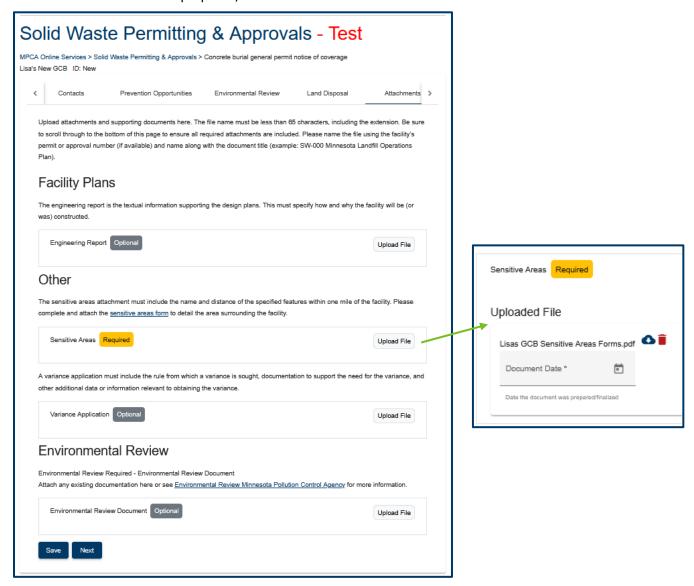
Because the General Permit limits the volume of concrete disposal to 2,500 cubic yards, the combined volume from all the separate disposal areas will be added up and must be less than or equal to 2,500 cubic yards. This value will be shown below the disposal areas as the "Total Permit Capacity". An error message will appear if that total volume exceeds 2,500 cubic yards, as detailed in the steps above.



Once all disposal areas have been entered, click the "Next" button to continue with the submittal.

Attachments

This screen allows the facility to attach/upload the required plans and documents. A completed Sensitive Areas form (w-sw7-60) is required for general permit coverage and can be found on the MPCA's webpage under "Application supplemental forms". The service can accept different file types such as PDFs, Word documents, Excel files, or image files. Once a document has been uploaded, enter the date the document was prepared/finalized.



Minn. R. 7001.3150 requires that all technical documents, such as design drawings and specifications, engineering reports, and hydrogeologic studies, be certified by an engineer registered in Minnesota. In addition, all hydrogeologic reports and all related ground water and surface water monitoring reports must be signed by a person knowledgeable in the field of hydrogeology. The certifications and signatures should be on each technical document submitted with the application.

Once all attachments are uploaded, click the "Next" button to move to the next screen.

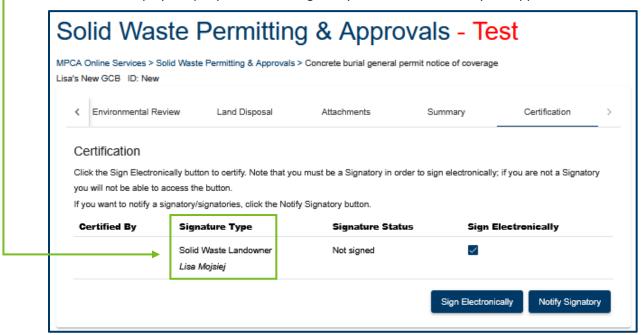
Summary

This is a compilation of all the information contained in the submittal. Review the summary for accuracy and make edits as necessary.

Certification

This is the final step in the submittal process. For the Concrete burial general permit notice of coverage, a certification is required from the solid waste landowner(s). In cases where there are more than one landowner, a signature is required from each landowner. The online services can accommodate only one electronic signature for the landowner, so additional signatures must be submitted using the Additional permittees signatures form (w-sw7-57), which can be found on the MPCA's webpage under "Application signatures". This attachment must be provided in the attachments section, when necessary.

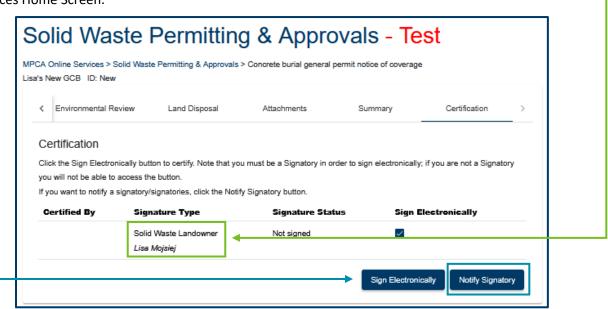
The service will display the people that have signatory access and can certify the application.



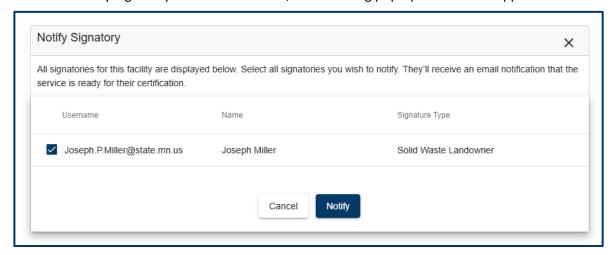
Different steps are required for Application Preparers and Landowners. These steps are outlined below for each role.

Application preparers

Application preparers are not able to certify and sign the application – the Landowner(s) must complete this step. Use the "Notify Signatory" button to let the Landowner(s) listed in the table know that the submittal is ready for a signature and certification. The Landowner will receive an email requesting a signature and certification. The submittal will also appear in the "Certify and Sign" section of the Online Services Home Screen.



Once the "Notify Signatory" button is selected, the following pop-up window will appear.



Click the "Notify" button. The following message will appear, confirming an email has been sent to notify the necessary parties.



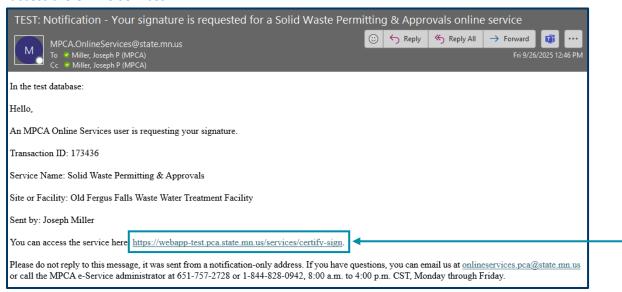
Landowner(s)

The Landowner must sign and certify the Concrete burial general permit notice of coverage submittal before it can be completed.

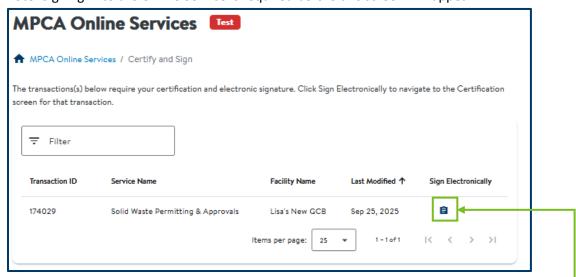
Steps 1-3 only apply if an **application preparer** has filled out and prepared the application.

Skip to Step 4 if this is not applicable.

1. An email should have been received that looks similar to the email below. Click the **link** to login and access the Online Services.

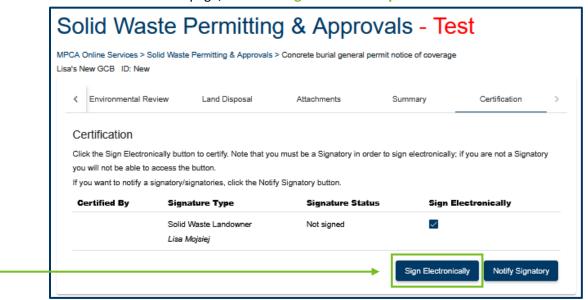


- 2. The link will open the "Certify and Sign" tab from the Online Services Home Page.
 - Note: Signing in to the Online Service is required before this screen will appear.

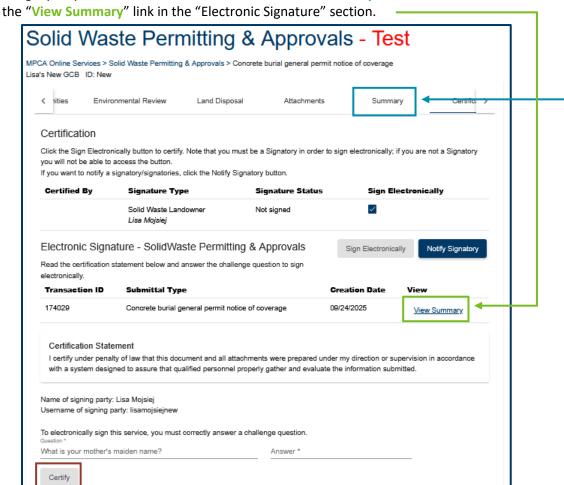


3. Click the 'Clipboard' icon under the "Sign Electronically" column. This will open the Certification page of the Concrete burial general permit notice of coverage submittal.

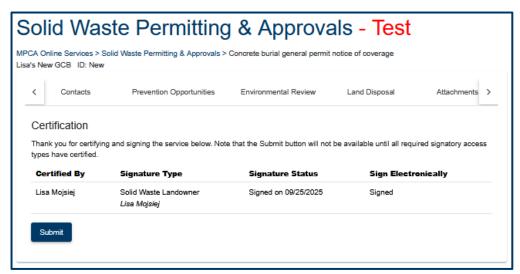
4. Once at the "Certification" page, click the "Sign Electronically" button.



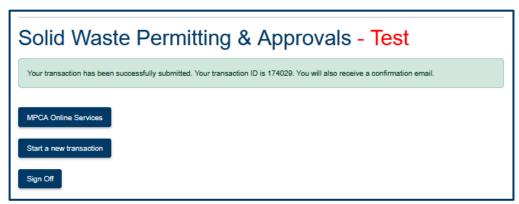
- 5. After clicking the "Sign Electronically" button, the "Electronic Signature" section will appear.
 - Note: it is encouraged to review the "Summary" tab if an Application Preparer has prepared the submittal. This ensures all information has been reviewed for accuracy by the Landowner, who is legally responsible for this submittal. Click on the "Summary" tab or on the "View Summary" link in the "Electronic Signature" section.



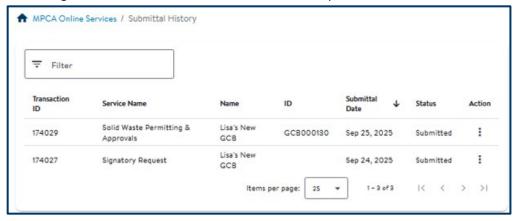
- 6. Once the summary has been reviewed and the challenge question has been successfully answered, click the "Certify" button (see previous page).
- 7. Once certified, the "Submit" button will be available on the Certification page.



8. Once the "Submit" button is selected, the service will provide a notification that the submittal has been successfully submitted, and a confirmation email will be sent for all listed contacts.



9. This submittal and the status of this submittal will appear in the "Submittal History" section of the Home Screen. MPCA staff will review the submittal and will reach out with any questions. A notice of coverage will be received once MPCA review is complete.



General permit for concrete burial FAQ

- Why do I get an error message about Challenge Questions when I am trying to create my facility?
 - Your challenge questions have not been set up yet. You can create your challenge questions from your My Profile.