

## General information

**Public comment period begins:** January 4, 2023

**Public comment period ends:** February 6, 2023

### **Name and address(s) of County, District, or Multicounty Area:**

*Additional information may also be  
obtained at these offices.*

Pope/Douglas Solid Waste  
Management (Joint Powers Board)  
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### **Location and contact information:**

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A draft Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) is available for review at the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) office address listed under the MPCA contact person. The MPCA will mail or email a copy of the draft SWMP 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 SWMP

Over the 10 year planning period of 2022 -2032, Pope/Douglas Counties:

-Maintain a population of approximately 49,390 people.

-Generate approximately 47,000 tons of Mixed Municipal Solid Waste (MMSW) annually. The MMSW that is not reduced, reused, or recycled will be managed at and designated to the Pope/Douglas Solid Waste Management Waste-to-Energy Facility (PDSWM), Alexandria, Minnesota. Ash from PDSWM will be managed at its ash landfill near Hoffman, Minnesota. Bulky materials, and non-processable materials will be managed at the Morrison County Landfill.

-Reduce waste generation through education, deconstruction programs, and sustainability programs at County facilities.

-Maintain a combined recycling and organics rate of around 44%. All County municipalities offer curbside collection of recyclables and residents can self-haul recyclables to the PDSWM Recycling Center and problem materials are managed there or at private businesses.

-Expanding its recycling and household hazardous waste collection by constructing a new recycling facility at the PDSWM location. Constructing and developing a source separated organic material processing facility near Hoffman Minnesota. Operation of a metals recovery facility which removes additional metals from the combustion ash generated at PDSWM at the ash landfill near Hoffman, Minnesota.

The intent to approve this SWMP is tentative.

## Procedure for public participation

As stated in Minn. R. 9215, there are formal procedures for public participation in the MPCA's consideration of this matter. Interested persons may:

- Submit written comments on the draft SWMP.

## Submitting written comments

To submit comments or petitions to the MPCA through the mail or email, you must state:

- (1) a statement of the person's interest in the SWMP;
- (2) a statement of the action the person wishes the commissioner to take, including specific references to the SWMP that the person believes should be changed; and
- (3) the reasons for the person's position, stated with sufficient specificity to allow the commissioner to assess the merits of the person's statements.

## 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.