

# Notice of Availability of an Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW)

Pine Bend Landfill Vertical Expansion

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## Public comment information

**EAW public comment period begins (45 days):** October 31, 2023

**EAW public comment period ends:** December 15, 2023

**Notice published in the EQB Monitor:** October 31, 2023

**Permit public comment period begins (45 days):** October 31, 2023

**Permit public comment period ends:** December 15, 2023

**Public Meeting Time and Location:** Thursday, November 30, 2023  
5:30 – 7 p.m.  
Woodcrest Church  
525 Cliff Road  
Eagan, MN 55123

## Facility specific information

**Facility name and location:**

Pine Bend Landfill  
11380 Courthouse Boulevard  
Inver Grove Heights, MN 55077  
Dakota County

**Facility contact:**

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## MPCA contact information

**MPCA EAW contact person:**

Megen Kabele  
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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
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St. Paul, MN 55155  
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## General information

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is distributing this Environmental Assessment Worksheet (EAW) for a 30-day review and comment period pursuant to the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) rules. The MPCA uses the EAW and any comments received to evaluate the potential for significant environmental effects from the project and decide on the need for an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

An electronic version of the EAW is available on the MPCA comment webpage at <https://mpca.commentinput.com/comment/search>. If you would like a copy of the EAW or Permit or have any questions on the EAW or Permit, contact the appropriate person(s) listed above.

## Description of proposed project

BFI Waste Systems of North America, LLC. (“Proposer”) owns and operates the Pine Bend Landfill (“Facility”), a mixed municipal solid waste landfill located in the City of Inver Grove Heights in Dakota County, Minnesota. The Project proposes to develop and permit a vertical expansion (“Phase 7”) over the Phase 5 and 6 areas of the Facility (“Project”) to increase the permitted capacity of the existing landfill. The Project increases the permitted design capacity by approximately 8,185,000 cubic yards (cy).

Air Permit: The draft air permit is the reissuance of the Part 70 operating permit and includes testing and monitoring for proper operation of the thermal oxidizer and open flare. The change was made to document the installation of the RNG plant, which replaces the previous process of combusting landfill gas for electricity generation. The draft air permit also addresses the vertical expansion.

## To submit written comments on the EAW and Air

Written comments on the EAW must be received by the MPCA within the comment period listed above.

Comments may be submitted:

- Online at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publiccomments>; or
- By U.S. postal mail to the following address:  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
Resource Management and Assistance Division  
Megen Kabele  
520 Lafayette Road North  
St. Paul, MN 55155

For information on how to comment on the Air Permit, contact the MPCA Permit contact persons listed above.

**Note:** All comment letters are public documents and will be part of the official public record for this project.

## Need for an EIS

The MPCA Commissioner will make a final decision on the need for an EIS after the end of the comment period.