

General information

Public comment period begins: April 1, 2024

Public comment period ends: May 1, 2024

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

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

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Preston, MN 55965

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Ben Crowell
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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
504 Fairgrounds Rd, Ste 200
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844-828-0942

A draft Solid Waste Management Plan (SWMP) is available for review on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Public Notices webpage at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/public-comments>. Additional materials relating to the draft SWMP are available for inspection by appointment at any MPCA office (<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/about-mpca/contact-us>) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The MPCA will mail or email a copy of the draft SWMP upon request. Comments and other requests must be received at the MPCA in writing on or before the public comment period end date and U.S. Mail comments must be received by 4:30 p.m.

Description of SWMP

Fillmore County submitted a SWMP to the MPCA that proposes an integrated solid waste management system. The SWMP states that over the ten-year planning period of 2024-2033, Fillmore County will:

- Generate approximately 16,000 tons of municipal solid waste annually.
- Accept waste at the Fillmore County Resource Recovery Center and transfer it to management facilities in the region.
- Recycle approximately 44% of municipal solid waste generated in the County through curbside collection and rural drop sites.
- Send approximately 1,300 tons of waste to the Olmsted Waste-to-Energy Facility for processing.
- Send the remaining waste that is not recycled or processed to one of the following landfills: Winneshiek County Landfill, Central Disposal Landfill, La Crosse County Landfill, and Nobles County Landfill.
- Accept Problem Materials at the Fillmore County Resource Recovery Center.

Procedure for submitting comments

During the public comment period a person may submit comments to the MPCA on the SWMP.

Comments may be submitted:

- 1) Online at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publiccomments>; or
- 2) By U.S. postal mail to the following address:

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
c/o Ben Crowell
504 Fairgrounds Rd, Ste 200
Marshall, MN 56258

Submitted comments must state:

- (1) Your interest in the SWMP.
- (2) The action you wish the MPCA to take, including specific references to the section of the SWMP 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 person may request the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting on the SWMP. A person requesting a public informational meeting must submit the following information as part of the request:

- (1) A statement of why a public informational meeting is necessary;
- (2) The issues the MPCA should address at the public informational meeting; and
- (3) A proposed time and place for the public informational meeting.

SWMP Final Decision

In making a final decision on the SWMP, the commissioner will consider all information submitted by the county, all information received from the public during the public comment period, and all information submitted during a public informational meeting if one is held. The commissioner must also determine whether the SWMP meets the requirements of Minn. R. parts 9215.0540 to 9215.0790. The commissioner's approval will remain in effect for ten years unless the commissioner determines that a shorter period of time is required to ensure that the county implements the plan.