

Public Notice of a preliminary decision to approve a SWMP

Solid Waste

General information

Public comment period begins: January 15, 2025

Public comment period ends: February 14, 2025

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

*Additional information may also be
obtained at these offices*

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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

Chippewa 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, Chippewa County will:

- Generate approximately 12,000 tons of municipal solid waste annually.
- Send waste to the Spruce Ridge, Nobles County and Lyon County Sanitary Landfills, all located in Minnesota for final disposal.
- Reach a recycling rate of approximately 37% through curbside collection as well as centralized drop sites.
- Facilitate waste reduction, recycling, and segregation of problem wastes from the waste stream.
- Collect household hazardous waste by mobile collection trailer and twice weekly drop off at the regional collection site.

Encourage and support yard waste management through public education and outreach.

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 David Crowell
7678 College Rd, Ste 105
Baxter, MN 56425-8625

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.