

General information

Public comment period begins: July 27, 2026

Public comment period ends: August 26, 2026

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to issue this permit for a term of approximately ten years.

Name and address of Permittee:

Dakota Waste Solutions LLC
10831 215th St W
Lakeville, Minnesota 55044-8512

Facility name and location:

Dakota Waste Solutions LLC
10831 215th Street W
Lakeville, MN 55044-8512
Dakota County
T114N, R21W, Section 036

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A draft permit is available for review on the MPCA Public Notices webpage at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/public-comments>. Additional materials relating to the issuance of this permit 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 permit 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 U.S. Mail comments must be received by 4:30 p.m.

Watershed: NA

Receiving water: NA

Description of Dakota Waste Solutions LLC

Dakota Waste Solutions LLC (DWS), SW-742, will be located in the City of Lakeville, MN, on a 39-acre property. The facility submitted an application for a source-separated organic material (SSOM) compost facility in July 2025. DWS will compost SSOM, yard waste, and clean wood in static aerated windrows, as well as use a mechanical depackager to separate food waste from packaging. DWS will also manage recyclable materials (paper, cardboard, metals, and plastics). All composting activities will be conducted indoors until the compost curing stage; after the process to further reduce pathogens (PFRP) has been completed. Leachate from the composting process will be collected in two underground storage tanks and used for additional moisture within the compost as needed. Roadways and storage pads throughout the site will be paved. The finished product will be sold to companies that market and distribute compost and soil to wholesalers and retail stores. The annual permitted capacities for the site include 72,000 tons of SSOM and 13,500 tons of yard waste. The site is also permitted to depackage up to 65 tons per day of packaged food waste, as well as store up to 400 cubic yards of recyclable materials and 10,500 cubic yards of clean wood onsite.

The preliminary determination to issue this Solid Waste permit is tentative.

Procedure for public participation

As stated in Minn. R. chs. 7000 and 7001, there are three formal procedures for public participation in the MPCA's consideration of this matter. Interested persons may:

- 1) Submit written comments on the draft permit.
- 2) Petition the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting.
- 3) Petition the MPCA to hold a contested case hearing.

Submitting written comments

Comments may be submitted:

- 1) Online at <https://mpca.commentinput.com/comment/search>; or
- 2) By U.S. postal mail to the following address:

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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
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Saint Paul, MN 55155

Submitted comments or petitions must state:

- 1) Your interest in the permit application or the draft permit.
- 2) The action you wish the MPCA to take, including specific references to the section of the draft permit 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 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.

Contested Case Hearing

A contested case hearing is a formal proceeding before an administrative law judge empowered to advise the MPCA regarding issues of fact. As described in Minn. R. 7000.1800, persons who submit petitions for a contested case hearing must also state the issues they propose to address in a contested case hearing, the specific relief requested or resolution of the matter, and the reasons (which may be in the form of proposed findings) supporting an MPCA decision to hold a contested case hearing. Failure to comply with these rules exactly may result in a denial of the request. To the extent known, the petitioner may also submit a list of prospective witnesses to be called at a hearing, a proposed list of publications, references, or studies to be introduced at a hearing and the approximate time required for the petitioner to present the matter at a hearing. The decision whether to hold a contested case hearing will be made under Minn. R. 7000.1900.