

General information

Public comment period begins: July 31, 2026

Public comment period ends: August 31, 2026

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

Name and address of Permittee:

Valley Demolition & Recycling, LLC
2020 Spring St N
New Ulm, MN 56073

Facility name and location:

Valley Demo & Recycling LLC
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New Ulm, MN 56073
Nicollet County
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Courtland, MN 56021

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844-828-0942

A draft permit and permit application are 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.

Description of Valley Demo & Recycling LLC Landfill

The MPCA originally permitted the Valley Demo & Recycling LLC Demolition Debris Land Disposal Facility in October 1997, with a capacity of 61,000 cubic yards, covering 3.8 acres. The permit was modified to accept industrial solid waste in 1999 which was reissued in 2003. A major modification and permit reissuance was done in 2009, expanding the footprint to 22 acres with a revised ultimate capacity of 1,435,300 cubic yards. The facility has two storage areas for material prior to beneficial use which is allowed through Minnesota Rule 7035.2860.

This permit reduces the ultimate capacity from 1,435,300 cubic yards to 582,050 cubic yards. Additionally, this permit modifies the final cover construction on the north slopes of Phases 4 and 6 to a 5:1 slope, which will slightly extend the disposal area into future Phases 7 and 9.

Groundwater Monitoring

The Monitoring Groups for this permit have been updated. Groundwater sampling has been updated to reflect the standard list of analytes for demolition landfills, such as including per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS); 1,4-Dioxane; and inorganic parameters used for Redox assessments. This has been done at a frequency of once per year for most metals/inorganics and twice per year for select metals of concern in shallower wells, once per year for PFAS, once per year for volatile organic compounds (VOC's) in deeper wells and twice per year for shallower wells (in which 1,4-Dioxane is included as a VOC). A static water level group will be measured two times per year.

In previous permits the permitted intervention limits (IL's) were calculated using a combination of class 2B surface water standards and drinking water standards. With the facilities expansion eastward and lack of site-specific groundwater conditions, it was determined that Minnesota Rule 7035.2815 subpart 4, item E, subitem 2 was no longer applicable. Therefore, the IL's in this permit have been calculated using drinking water standards.

The preliminary determination to reissue 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:
Jessica Krebs
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
525 S Lake Ave #400A
Duluth, MN 55802

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.