



PRESS RELEASE

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Public Notice of Preliminary Decision to Approve Crow Wing County Solid Waste Management Plan

The current Crow Wing County SWMP expired on November 14, 2023. Crow Wing County submitted a SWMP to the MPCA that proposes an integrated solid waste management system through the year 2033. The SWMP states that over the 10-year planning period, Crow Wing County will continue to accept all in-County waste at the Crow Wing County Landfill and will slightly increase landfilling from 47,170 tons to 48,180 tons. Recycling will also increase from 37% to 41% by 2033. This will be accomplished in several ways, including the opening of the new Crow Wing County Recycling Center (CWCRC), a streamlined, one-stop-shop for residents to conveniently dispose of household hazardous waste (HHW), problem materials, and recycling; increasing education, advertising, and public outreach, specifically in regards to the Habitat for Humanity Deconstruction program; better tracking of food to people data; and outreach efforts to local businesses to better track commercial recycling.

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 at the Crow Wing County Land Services office during regular business hour or 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.

Location and contact information:	MPCA contact person:
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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

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- 2) By U.S. postal mail to the following address:
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
c/o Danielle Drussell
525 Lake Ave S, Ste 400
Duluth, MN 55802

Submitted comments must be received by **March 4th, 2024** and 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.

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.

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