Opportunity to comment on draft permit

NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PUBLIC NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO COMMENT ON DRAFT PERMIT FOR A SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT FACILITY UNDER THE NORTH DAKOTA SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT RULES

FACILITY NAME: BEPC AVS Landfill (Permit 0160)

APPLICANT: Basin Electric Power Cooperative, 1717 E. Interstate Ave., Bismarck ND 58503

BACKGROUND:
The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (Department) received a permit application for a renewal for the Basin Electric Power Cooperative – Antelope Valley Station's special waste landfill.

Basin Electric Power Cooperative currently owns and operates a special waste landfill, regulated under Permit 0160 on approximately 318 acres located in the W1/2 of Section 7, Township 145 North, Range 87 West in Mercer County, ND; a small portion of Section 12, Township 145 North, Range 88 West in Mercer County, ND; and a small portion of Section 18, Township 145 North, Range 87 West in Mercer County, ND. Basin Electric Power Cooperative is proposing to renew their permit to continue disposing of coal combustion residuals (CCR) generated by the Antelope Valley Station Power Plant. The facility was first permitted in 1995.

The Department believes that a permit which meets the requirements of the North Dakota Solid Waste Management Rules and is protective of human health and the environment can be issued to Basin Electric Power Cooperative and has prepared a Draft Permit for public review and comment.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND HEARING
As required by Section 33.1-20-03.1-03 of the North Dakota Administrative Code, the Draft Permit will be available for public review and comment for thirty (30) days following publication of the Public Notice. The public comment period begins November 5, 2026 and ends December 4, 2026. During that period, any interested person may submit written comments and request a public hearing by stating the nature of the specific issues to be raised. A fifteen (15) day notice will be provided before any hearing is scheduled. The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality will consider all comments prior to taking any action on the permit. Comments, questions and written communication should be directed to:

Charles R. Hyatt, Director
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Division of Waste Management
4201 Normandy Street
Bismarck, ND 58503

Comments may also be sent via e-mail to solidwaste@nd.gov.

The Draft Permit and Permit Application are available for review during the hours of 8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday, at the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Waste Management, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck, ND. A copy of this Public Notice is also on the Department's website at: https://deq.nd.gov/PublicNotice.aspx

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