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: Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. – M.R. Young Station – FGD Ponds (0159)
APPLICANT: Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc.
3401 24th St. SW
Center, ND 58530
BACKGROUND:
The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (Department) received a permit application from Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. for the renewal of an existing special waste surface impoundment and landfill facility permit. Additional information was submitted for a minor modification to the closure plan for the facility.
Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. – Milton R. Young Station (Minnkota Power) currently owns and operates a surface impoundment to be closed with special waste in place, regulated under solid waste management facility Permit 0159 on approximately 211 acres located about five miles southeast of the City of Center in Sections 5 and 8 within Township 141 North, Range 83 West in Oliver County, ND. Minnkota Power is proposing to renew its permit. The facility was first permitted in 1995 and began accepting waste in 1997.
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 Minnkota Power Cooperative, Inc. 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
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality
Division of Waste Management
4201 Normandy Street
Bismarck, ND 58503
Comments may also be sent via email 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
The NDDEQ will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility or other accommodation for people with disabilities, language interpretation for people with limited English proficiency (LEP), and translations of written material necessary to access programs and information. Language assistance services are available free of charge to you. Requests for accommodation should be made as soon as possible and ideally at least 5 business days prior to a scheduled program, service or activity. Depending on the nature and complexity of the request, requests may take longer than 5 days to fulfil. Requests may be directed to the NDDEQ staff responsible for the program, service, or activity, or to the Nondiscrimination Coordinator directly. Contact the NDDEQ Nondiscrimination Coordinator directly at 701-328-5150 or deqEJ@nd.gov. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

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