NORTH DAKOTA DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY PUBLIC NOTICE: REISSUE OF AN NDPDES PERMIT

Public Notice Date: November 12, 2026

Purpose of Public Notice

The Department intends to reissue the following North Dakota Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NDPDES) Discharge Permit under the authority of Section 61-28-04 of the North Dakota Century Code.

Permit Information

Public Notice Number: ND-2026-003
Permit Number: ND0025232
Application Date: June 30, 2026
Application Number: HQK-GHH1-ZEF83
Applicant Name: Basin Electric Power Lolds
Mailing Address: 1717 East Interstate Ave. Bismarck, ND 58503
Telephone Number: (701) 557-5488
Proposed Permit Expiration Date: December 31, 2031

Facility Description

The reapplication is for a 660 megawatt, lignite coal-fired steam electric power generating plant located in the NW 1/4, Section 22, Township 144 North, Range 84 West and the associated ash landfill located in Sections 31 and 32, Township 144 North, Range 84 West. Discharges from the plant consist of once-through cooling water, wastewater, and stormwater to the Missouri River adjacent to the plant, and stormwater runoff from the closed areas of the ash landfill to Alderin Creek adjacent to the landfill. The reapplication includes the Missouri River cooling water intake for the plant.

Tentative Determinations

Proposed effluent limitations and other permit conditions have been made by the department. They assure that State Water Quality Standards and applicable provisions of the Federal Water Pollution Control Act (FWPCA) will be protected.

Information Requests and Public Comments

Copies of the application, draft permit, and related documents are available for review. Comments or requests should be directed to the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, Division of Water Quality, 4201 Normandy Street, Bismarck ND 58503-1324 or by calling 701.328.5210.

All comments received by December 12, 2026 will be considered prior to finalizing the permit. If there is significant interest, a public hearing will be scheduled. Otherwise, the Department will issue the final permit within sixty (60) days of this notice.

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 fulfill. 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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