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Notice of Availability of an Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet (SEAW) and Draft Scoping Decision Document (DSDD) Elk River Landfill North Development Area

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Public comment information

SEAW/DSDD public comment period begins: October 28, 2025
SEAW/DSDD public comment period ends: December 1, 2025
Notice published in the EQB Monitor: October 28, 2025

Public meeting information

SEAW/DSDD public meeting date: Wednesday, November 19, 2025
SEAW/DSDD public meeting time: 5:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m.
SEAW/DSDD public meeting location: Zimmerman/Livonia Fire Department
26140 136th Street Northwest
Zimmerman, Minnesota 55398

Facility specific information

Facility name and location:

Elk River Landfill, Inc.
22460 US Highway 169
Elk River, Minnesota 55330
Sherburne County

Facility contact:

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MPCA contact information

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General information

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) is distributing this Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet

(SEAW) and Draft Scoping Decision Document (DSDD) for a 30-day review and comment period pursuant to the Environmental Quality Board (EQB) rules. The purpose of the Scoping Environmental Assessment Worksheet (SEAW) is to scope the mandatory Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). An SEAW should identify only potentially significant issues relevant to the proposed project, and only potentially significant impacts need to be addressed in an EIS. Scoping criteria are evaluated for potential EIS topics in the SEAW. The EIS applicability information has been summarized into a companion DSDD that addresses the required contents of the EIS. The DSDD defines the form, level of detail, content, alternatives, time and timetable for preparation, preparers of the EIS, and determines the permits for which information will be developed concurrently with the EIS.

An electronic version of the SEAW and DSDD are available on the [MPCA Public Comment webpage](#). If you would like a copy of the SEAW or DSDD or have any questions on the SEAW or DSDD, contact Charles Peterson listed above.

Description of proposed project

Elk River Landfill (ERL) is an existing municipal solid waste (MSW), industrial waste, and construction and demolition (C&D) waste landfill five miles north of the City of Elk River, adjacent to U.S. Highway 169 in Sherburne County, Minnesota. In approximately three years, ERL will reach its permitted (SW-74) capacity within the City of Elk River. Elk River Landfill, Inc. proposes a northward expansion of the landfill (Project) into Livonia Township, where Martin-Marietta Corporation has sand and gravel mining operations. The Project will involve an expansion of MSW capacity by approximately 26.67 million cubic yards over a 162.36-acre area (expansion of MSW Waste Limit) fill area, which includes a 7.21-acre overlap conversion of previously permitted and filled already permitted C&D disposal fill area cells. ERL will continue to accept C&D waste in the C&D permitted cells, until those cells reach capacity. C&D and industrial wastes may be accepted in the NDA as permitted by the Industrial Solid Waste Management Plan (ISWMP). C&D and industrial waste in separate areas of the Facility.

To submit written comments on the SEAW/DSDD

Written comments on the SEAW/DSDD must be received by the MPCA within the comment period listed above.

Comments may be submitted:

- Online at [MPCA public comment](#); or
- By U.S. postal mail to the following address:
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
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504 Fairground Road, Suite 200
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Note: All comment letters are public documents and will be part of the official public record for this project.