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: Basin Electric Power Cooperative – Leland Olds Station – Permit 0038
Basin Electric Power Cooperative – Leland Olds Station – New Permit

APPLICANT: Basin Electric Power Cooperative
1717 East Interstate Avenue
Bismarck, ND 58503

BACKGROUND:

Permit 0038

On June 24, 2022, the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (Department) received a permit application for a modification for Basin Electric Power Cooperative – Leland Olds Station (Basin Electric) closed coal combustion residuals (CCR) surface impoundments (Ponds 2 and 3).

Basin Electric currently owns and operates closed CCR surface impoundments regulated under Permit 0038 on approximately 50.99 acres located in Section 22, Township 144 North, Range 84 West in Mercer County, ND. Basin Electric is proposing to modify their permit to comply with the updated North Dakota Administrative Code (NDAC) requirements for CCR units. The facility was first permitted in the 1982.

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.

New Permit

On September 6, 2022, the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (Department) received a permit application for the renewal for the Basin Electric Power Cooperative – Leland Olds Station’s (Basin Electric) closed special waste surface impoundments facility.

Basin Electric currently owns and operates a closed special waste surface impoundments facility, currently regulated under Permit 0038 on approximately 236.26 acres located in the Section 22, Township 144 North, Range 84 West in Mercer County, ND. Basin Electric is proposing to renew their permit to continue post-closure care of the closed special waste surface impoundments and to split these closed ponds from their existing permit into a separate permit as they are non-CCR surface impoundments. The facility was first permitted in 1982.

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 September 22, 2022 and ends October 21, 2022. 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 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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