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: Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative – Permit 0150
Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative – Mud Solids Management Area (New Permit)
Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative – Surface Impoundments (New Permit)

APPLICANT: Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative
7525 Red River Road
Wahpeton, ND 58075

BACKGROUND:

Inert Waste Landfill (Permit 0150)

On April 30, 2021, the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (Department) received a permit application for the renewal for Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative’s (Minn-Dak) solid waste management units. A revised permit application was submitted to the Department on March 4, 2022.

Minn-Dak currently owns and operates an inert waste landfill, temporary storage area, piling grounds, and coal ash storage pile, regulated under Permit 0150, on approximately 124 acres located in Section 20, Township 133 North, Range 47 West in Richland County, ND. Minn-Dak is proposing to renew their permit to continue operating an inert waste landfill, coal ash storage pile facility, temporary storage area, and piling grounds. In addition, this permit application and two other permit applications will separate existing solid waste management units, currently covered under Permit 0150, into separate permits which will be covered in separate permit application review memos. Permit 0150 will include the coal ash storage pile, inert waste landfill, temporary storage area, and piling ground. The mud solids management area and surface impoundments will each be covered under a new permit. The facility was first permitted in 1994.

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 Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative and has prepared a Draft Permit for public review and comment.

Mud Solids Management Area (New Permit)

On April 30, 2021, the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (Department) received a permit application for a new permit for a waste pile facility for Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative’s (Minn-Dak) mud solids management area. A revised permit application was submitted to the Department on March 4, 2022.

Minn-Dak currently owns and operates a waste pile facility (mud solids management area), currently regulated under Permit 0150, on approximately 80 acres located in Section 17, Township 133 North, Range 57 West in Richland County, ND. At the Department’s request, Minn-Dak is proposing to separate the mud solids management area from Permit 0150 and establish the mud solids management area under a separate permit. In addition, this permit application and two other permit applications will separate existing solid waste management
units, currently covered under Permit 0150, into separate permits which will be covered in separate permit application review memos. Permit 0150 will include the coal ash storage pile, inert waste landfill, temporary storage area, and piling grounds. The mud solids management area and surface impoundments will each be covered under a new permit. The facility was first permitted in 1994.

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 Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative and has prepared a Draft Permit for public review and comment.

**Surface Impoundments (New Permit)**

On April 30, 2021, the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (Department) received a permit application for a new permit for Minn-Dak Farmers Cooperative’s (Minn-Dak) surface impoundments.

Minn-Dak currently owns and operates surface impoundments, currently regulated under Permit 0150, on approximately 112 acres located in Section 20, Township 133 North, Range 47 West in Richland County, ND. At the Department’s request, Minn-Dak is proposing to separate the surface impoundments from Permit 0150 and establish the surface impoundments under a separate permit. There will be separate permit application review memos for the coal ash storage pile, temporary storage area, piling grounds, and inert waste landfill, and the mud solids management area. Permit 0150 will include the coal ash storage pile, inert waste landfill, temporary storage area, and piling grounds. The mud solids management area and surface impoundments will each be covered under a new permit. The surface impoundments will include Pond Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 6A, 6B, Shed Pond, Freshwater Reservoir, and the Mud Solids Management Area Holding Pond (formerly called the Mud Solids Management Area Stormwater Pond). The facility was first permitted in 1994.

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 Minn-Dak Farmers 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 June 7, 2022 and ends July 6, 2022. During that time, any interested persons may submit written comments to the Department on the Draft Permit. The Department has tentatively scheduled a public meeting and public hearing on the Draft Permit on June 23, 2022 at 6:00pm for the public meeting and 6:45pm for the public hearing at the Wahpeton City Hall (1900 4th Street North), Wahpeton, ND. The hearing will be held if there is sufficient public interest pertinent to the proposed Draft Permit. Interested persons may request a public hearing by stating the nature of the specific issues to be raised.

If sufficient interest is not raised and a hearing is not requested by June 21, 2022, the hearing will not be conducted. Please check https://deg.nd.gov/PublicNotice.aspx or call the Department at 1-701-328-5166 on or after June 22, 2022 for confirmation of the hearing.

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 Hearing Notice is also on the Department’s website at: https://deg.nd.gov/PublicNotice.aspx

The Department 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. To request accommodations, contact Jennifer Skjod, Acting Non-discrimination Coordinator at 701-328-5226 or jskjod@nd.gov. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.