The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (Department) is responding to the comments received during the public comment period on the draft solid waste permit for the City of West Fargo's transfer station. The draft permit is for the renewal of the transfer station permit.

The Department regulates the management of solid waste under the authority of North Dakota Century Code (NDCC) Chapter 23.1-08, Solid Waste Management and Land Protection. The Department's Solid Waste Program implements the Department's rules for the management of solid waste in North Dakota Administrative Code (NDAC) Article 33.1-20, Solid Waste Management and Land Protection.

The proposed draft solid waste permit was released to the public and published on the Department's website on May 4, 2022. The official public comment period was from May 4, 2022 through June 2, 2022. Public notices of the draft permit and comment period were published in the Fargo Forum, the official county newspaper and the nearest daily newspaper, and through the Department's public notice web page and public notice email subscription service. During the public comment period, the Department received written comments regarding the draft Permit 0044.

A copy of the written comments is included as appendices, and comments (in italics) are quoted as stated into the record, with no corrections for grammar or wording.

Comments

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The Department acknowledges the above comments; however, no response is needed as no substantive scientific data or documentation was received to respond to.

Summary and Conclusions

The Department did not receive any substantive scientific data or documentation to deny the draft solid waste permit for the City of West Fargo's transfer station (Permit 0044). As discussed above, no changes will be made to the solid waste permit based on the comments received.
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Thank you.

Mike Thorstad
Follow up – I forgot to include my address on the previous e-mail. Thanks:

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