

**ATTN: MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE SANITARY LANDFILL PERMIT HOLDERS
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**THIS IS AN OFFICIAL REQUEST FROM THE IOWA DEPARTMENT OF
NATURAL RESOURCES THAT YOU POST THIS NOTICE IN YOUR BUILDING IN
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**PUBLIC NOTICE REGARDING THE REISSUANCE OR POSTPERMIT MODIFICATION
OF A MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE SANITARY LANDFILL PERMIT**

Public Notice Number: 74-SDP-02-76 – 5

Public Notice Issuance Date: 1/29/2021

Last Day to Submit Comments: 2/27/2021

Name and Address of Applicant:
City of Spencer, Iowa
Mark White, Public Works Director
418 2nd Avenue West
Spencer, IA 51301

Name and Location of Facility:
Northern Plains Regional Landfill
3032 420th Avenue
Graettinger, IA 51342

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF FACILITY

The Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) has received a permit renewal request from the City of Spencer (Permittee) for the Northern Plains Regional Landfill (Facility), a municipal solid waste sanitary landfill originally permitted by the Department in 1976. The Facility is classified as a municipal solid waste sanitary landfill authorized to accept municipal solid waste from households and businesses from the following service area: All cities, and the unincorporated area in Emmet County; all cities, excluding West Bend, and the unincorporated area in Palo Alto County; all cities, excluding Fonda and Gilmore City, and the unincorporated area in Pocahontas County; the City of Whittemore in Kossuth County; the Cities of Superior and Terrill in Dickinson County; the City of Bode in Humboldt County; the City of Spencer in Clay County and the unincorporated area in Clay County.

Iowa Department of Natural Resources staff contact:
Geoffrey Spain
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NOTICE

The Department has received an application from the Permittee to renew the sanitary landfill permit. Included with the renewal application are revised groundwater and gas monitoring programs along with an updated Development and Operations Plan.

After review of the application materials, the Department has made a preliminary determination to approve the application. Once processed, copies of the Department's final determination may be reviewed at the Department's Regional Field Office located at 1900 N Grand Ave, PO Box 4086, Spencer, IA 51301 and 712-262-4177. The file with regard to the Facility is available for inspection between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. at the Department's Records Center at 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034. The Department Records Center will make copies from the file upon request. There is a charge for copy orders. To arrange a time to review the file or to request information regarding charges for copies contact the Department Records Center at (515) 725-8480.

The procedures that the DNR will follow with regard to this permit application or postpermit modification request are set forth in Iowa Administrative Code 567 Chapter 113. A copy of this rule chapter is available at: <https://www.legis.iowa.gov/law/administrativeRules/agencies> and by requests directed to the DNR. The DNR strongly recommends that interested persons review the chapter.

COMMENTS SOLICITED

By this Notice, interested persons are invited to submit written and signed comments to the Department regarding this notice. To ensure consideration, comments must be received by the last day to submit comments identified above, and should include the following:

- A. A statement of the person's interest in the Department's determination;
- B. A statement of the action the person wishes the Department to take, including specific references to sections of the request that the person believes should be changed; and
- C. The reasons supporting the person's position, stated with sufficient specificity as to allow the Department to investigate the merits of the person's positions.

Any submissions should display the public notice number next to the address on the envelope and on each page of any submitted comments, and include a return mailing address and telephone number. The Department will consider all comments received during the comment period and may modify the determination based on those comments. Comments received by the Department in response to this notice will be made part of the public record with regard to this permit.

The responsiveness summary to public comments received will be mailed to each commenter at the address on their comment submittal, and may also be viewed at the Department's Records Center at 502 E. 9th Street, Des Moines, Iowa 50319-0034. The public record files for facilities will be available for inspection at the Records Center between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30

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REQUESTS FOR PUBLIC HEARING

The applicant, any interested agency, person or group of persons may request or petition for a public hearing with respect to the Department's determination to approve or deny an application or postpermit modification request. Any such request shall clearly state issues and topics to be addressed at the hearing. Any such request or petition for public hearing must be filed with the department within 30 days following the date of the public notice and shall indicate the interest of the party filing such request and the reasons why a hearing is warranted. The department shall hold an informal and noncontested case hearing if there is a significant public interest (including the filing of requests or petitions for such hearing) in holding such a hearing. Frivolous or insubstantial requests for hearing may be denied by the department.

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A copy of the full notice, with instructions for submitting written comments or to request a public hearing, is available for review on the DNR's Web site at <https://www.iowadnr.gov/Environmental-Protection/Land-Quality/Solid-Waste/Solid-Waste-Public-Notices> and will be mailed to an interested person upon request to the DNR staff contact.