

ATTN: MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE SANITARY LANDFILL PERMIT HOLDERS
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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 – 7

Public Notice Issuance Date: 7/24/2026

Last Day to Submit Comments: 8/23/2026

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 (DNR) has received a permit renewal application 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:
Alexis Slade
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NOTICE

The DNR has received a request from the Permittee to renew the Northern Plains Regional Landfill permit.

After review of the application materials, the DNR has made preliminary determination to approve the request. Once processed, copies of the DNR's final determination may be reviewed at the DNR's Regional Field Office located at 6200 Park Ave Ste 200, Des Moines, IA 50321, (515) 725-0268. The file with regard to the Facility is available for inspection between the hours of 8:00 am and 4:30 pm at the DNR's Records Center at 6200 Park Ave Ste 200, Des Moines, IA 50321. The DNR 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 DNR Records Center at (515) 514-0513 or <https://www.iowadnr.gov/about/contact/open-records-request>.

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 DNR will consider all comments received during the comment period and may modify the determination based on those comments. Comments received by the DNR 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. The public record files for facilities, including the responsiveness summary, are primarily available electronically at <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/solidwaste/reports/documentdna> or <https://programs.iowadnr.gov/documentsearch/>. If there are questions regarding the availability of records or if physical review is required for the limited existing microfilm/microfiche records, the public is directed to contact the DNR Records Center at <https://www.iowadnr.gov/about/contact/open-records-request>.

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 DNR'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 DNR 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 DNR 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 DNR.

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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 <http://www.iowadnr.gov/waste/landfills/publicnotice.html> and will be mailed to an interested person upon request to the DNR staff contact.