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: Coal Creek Station (Ponds and Landfill) (Permit 0033)

APPLICANT: Rainbow Energy Center, LLC
2875 3rd St SW
Underwood, ND 58576

BACKGROUND:

The North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality (Department) received a permit application for a renewal for Rainbow Energy Center – Coal Creek Station's (Rainbow) Coal Combustion Residual (CCR) landfill, CCR surface impoundments, and non-CCR surface impoundments

Rainbow currently owns and operates a CCR landfill, several CCR surface impoundments, and several non-CCR surface impoundments, regulated under Permit 0033, on approximately 320 acres located in Sections 16 and 17, Township 145 North, Range 82 West in McLean County, ND. Rainbow is proposing to renew their permit to continue solid waste activities at the facility. The facility was first permitted in 1983.

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 Rainbow Energy Center, LLC 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 October 29, 2026 and ends November 30, 2026. During that time, any interested persons may submit written comments to the Department on the Draft Permit. The Department has scheduled a public hearing on the Draft Permit on November 18, 2026 at 6:30pm at the Department's office at 4201 Normandy St., Bismarck, ND.

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,

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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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