

**Pope/Douglas Solid Waste Management  
Waste Designation Process  
Estimated Timeline**

**1. Joint Waste Designation Plan**

Obtain approval of a Joint Designation Plan from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA).

Date of Joint Board Approval: April 16, 2020  
County Board Approvals: April 21 (Douglas) and May 5 (Pope)  
Submission to MPCA: Week of May 18

**2. MPCA Approval**

MPCA approval process can take up to 120 days.

Latest MPCA Approval Date: Mid-September, 2020

**3. Public Hearing and Hauler Delivery Agreement Negotiations**

After approval of the Designation Plan by the MPCA, each County conducts a public hearing on the Plan. The Joint Board then negotiates with haulers to enter into Waste Delivery Agreements to the Facility for all waste collected by each hauler. The negotiation process must last at least 90 days by statute.

Estimated Date to Complete Public Hearings and Hauler Negotiations: Mid-January, 2021

**4. Submission of Waste Designation Ordinances to MPCA**

Following the waste delivery negotiation process, each County will submit its proposed Waste Designation Ordinance and the signed Delivery Agreements from the Joint Board to the MPCA.

Estimated Date to Submit: Late-January, 2021

**5. MPCA Approval of Designation Ordinances**

MPCA has 90 days to review and approve the proposed Designation Ordinances.

Latest MPCA Approval Date: Early-May, 2021

**6. Adoption and Effective Dates of Ordinances**

Following MPCA approval of the ordinances, each County adopts its Designation Ordinance. The Designation Ordinances cannot take effect until 60 days after adoption by the Counties.

Estimated Date for Ordinances to Take Effect: August 2021