

**PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT
TO MODIFY PERMIT #NE0054950
AND CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING FOR
CITY OF GERING MUNICIPAL SOLID WASTE LANDFILL**

**Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality
1200 N Street, Suite 400, The Atrium
P.O. Box 98922
Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-8922**

Notice is hereby given pursuant to Title 132 - Integrated Solid Waste Management Regulations, Chapter 2, section 011, that the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) is proposing to modify the permit issued to the City of Gering, PO Box 687, Gering, NE to operate a municipal solid waste landfill in accordance with Title 132, the Integrated Solid Waste Management Act and Nebraska Environmental Protection Act. NDEQ has received a request to modify the permit from the City of Gering Municipal Solid Waste Landfill at the site generally described as the SW ¼ SE ¼ Section 24 Township 22 North Range 55 West of the 6th Principal Meridian Scotts Bluff County, Nebraska.

This major modification application includes a proposal to modify the design and liner system for previously permitted Cell 6. The City is proposing to construct a prescriptive Subtitle D liner consisting of a 60 mil HDPE flexible membrane liner underlain by a 2-foot thick compacted clay liner. Following construction of the proposed Cell 6 area, the permitted landfill footprint will include approximately 30 capped acres with a capacity of approximately 1,969,000 cubic yards which is approximately 109,000 cubic yards less than the total volume in the 2008 permit documents. Based on current tonnage receipts and an updated filling rate determined between November 2007 and August 2011, the Gering Landfill should offer enough capacity to serve the area through September 2022. Previous estimates in the 2008 permit placed the landfill with capacity through the middle of 2026. The updated estimates show that the life of the landfill has been reduced by approximately 4.5 years.

Based on review of the modified permit application and the current compliance status of the City of Gering Municipal Solid Waste Landfill, NDEQ proposes to approve the modification of this solid waste permit. Persons may comment upon the proposed permit, by writing to David Haldeman, Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality, Suite 400, The Atrium, 1200 N Street, P.O. Box 98922, Lincoln, Nebraska 68509-8922 by July 12, 2012.

The Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality will conduct a public hearing on July 12, 2012 at the City Building, 1025 'P' Street, Gering, NE in the Council Chambers. The public hearing will start at 7:30 pm and will continue until all testimonials have been heard. The public is invited to formally testify at the hearing on any issue that might be of concern related to the modification of this landfill permit. After the public hearing the department will prepare a summary of issues raised at the public hearing and the department responses. This summary will be mailed to the applicant and other interested persons.

After the public hearing, the Director shall make a final decision to issue or deny the permit renewal. The applicant and other interested persons will be notified of the final permit decision.

Before the public hearing, the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality (NDEQ) will hold an information session at the same location as the hearing. The information session will begin at 4:30 pm and end at 6:00 pm. This will be an open forum with the opportunity to ask questions of the NDEQ staff and receive relevant information pertaining to the landfill major modification request.

Copies of the draft permit, legal notice and administrative record are available at the Gering Public Library, 1055 P Street, Gering, NE, at the Scottsbluff Office of the NDEQ, 4500 Avenue 'I', Room 129, Scottsbluff, NE and at the Lincoln office of the NDEQ, 1200 N Street, Suite 400, The Atrium, Lincoln, NE between 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. weekdays. Please notify the Nebraska Department of Environmental Quality if alternate formats of material are needed by June 21, 2012. Contact telephone number is (402) 471-2186. TDD users please call 711 and ask the relay operator to call us at (402) 471-2186. Further information may be obtained from William Gidley, Waste Management Section, (402) 471-4210.