

November 15, 2021

Re: Hastings Wellhead Protection Plan

Chemical Storage

To Whom it May Concern:

The City of Hastings Wellhead Protection Plan was developed to ensure safe drinking water for the residents of Hastings. Protection of Hastings's drinking water is accomplished by managing the area that overlies the aquifers from which the City's wells draw their water. This management area is known as the Drinking Water Supply Management Area (DWSMA). One management activity under the Wellhead Protection Plan is to identify properties within the management area where chemicals are stored.

You are receiving this letter because your property was identified during preparation of the Wellhead Protection Plan as a property where chemicals are stored. As part of the City's efforts to ensure safe drinking water for the residents of Hastings, and as required by our Wellhead Protection Plan, we are notifying property owners located within the DWSMA for the purpose of raising awareness of resources and available assistance for chemical storage management.

One of the ways in which you can help ensure safe drinking water for the residents of Hastings is to conduct a self-audit of your chemical management and storage practices. Conducting a self-audit will help you identify ways in which you can reduce waste and determine if you are properly managing your chemicals. The self-audit form can be found by searching, "MPCA Hazardous Waste Self-Audit Checklist" or go to: https://www.pca.state.mn.us/waste/hazardous-waste-documents-and-forms#forms

You can also request a site visit from a third party such as the Minnesota Technical Assistance Program (MnTAP). MnTAP provides free technical assistance tailored to your business to help you protect the environment and save on waste disposal and raw material costs by providing practical alternatives to prevent pollution.

Listed below is information on Dakota County and State of Minnesota programs that provide valuable information regarding chemical storage.

Dakota County

Hazardous waste and chemical storage information, including drop off sites.

952.891.7557

Website: https://www.co.dakota.mn.us/Environment/Residential/HHW/Pages/default.aspx

Minnesota Technical Assistance Program (MnTAP)

This non-regulatory program provides a free service to Minnesota businesses to help them reduce waste. This program is funded primarily by a pass-through grant from the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Prevention and Assistance Division to the University of Minnesota's School of Public Health, Division of Environmental Health Sciences.

Phone: 612-624-1300

Website: http://www.mntap.umn.edu/

Minnesota Materials Exchange

This program is coordinated by MnTAP and is a free service that links organizations that have reusable goods they no longer need to those who can use them.

Phone: 612-624-0808

Website: http://www.mnexchange.org/

Minnesota Waste Wise

This organization helps businesses save money through waste reduction, resource conservation, and energy efficiency. The organization was created in 1994 as a result of a partnership between the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce and the State of Minnesota's Office of Environmental Assistance, which is now part of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Phone: 651-292-4650

Website: http://www.mnwastewise.org/

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

The MPCA regulates and provides assistance for chemical storage.

Phone: 651-296-2412 (Hazardous Waste Hotline)

Website: http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/waste/waste-permits-and-rules/waste-permits-and-forms/hazardous-waste-documents-and-forms.html - Hazardous waste and chemical storage-related publications (i.e., industry specific guidance – health care providers, construction and service contractors; specific waste guidance – antifreeze, aerosols, batteries, bulbs, electronics, fluorescent lamps, mercury-containing equipment, oil and related wastes, paint, PCBs, rags/absorbents, solvents, tires).

Thank you for your assistance with the City's efforts to ensure safe drinking water for everyone in Hastings. Additional information on Hasting's Wellhead Protection Plan can be found by searching, "City of Hastings MN Water Quality" or going to: https://www.hastingsmn.gov/city-government/city-departments/public-works/streets-and-utilities/water-quality. If you have any questions or concerns regarding the City's Wellhead Protection Program, please call me at 651-480-2334.

Sincerely,

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