

Notice of Public Comment Period

Hazardous Waste Permit Renewal

Permittee Waste Management of Illinois 21233 West Laraway Road Joliet, Illinois 60436-9525	Comment Period Begin Date August 7, 2026	Available Documents https://epa.illinois.gov/public-notices/bol-permit-public-notice.html
Facility Information Waste Management of Illinois 21233 West Laraway Road Joliet, Illinois 60436-9525	Comment Period End Date September 21, 2026	For More Information Sarah Brubaker (217) 786-0790 TDD phone number (866) 273-5488 sarah.brubaker@illinois.gov

The Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (Illinois EPA) hereby gives notice of its intent to approve a renewed Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) post-closure permit that requires Waste Management of Illinois to continue providing post-closure care for a closed 55-acre landfill located at 21233 West Laraway Road, Joliet, Illinois. This renewed RCRA post-closure permit contains requirements associated with RCRA related activities only. A separate solid waste landfill permit has been issued for operating the active non-hazardous landfill portion of the facility on June 26, 2026 (Log No. 2026-247). The closed landfill, referred to as Area 1 and Area 2, is currently operating under a RCRA post-closure permit. The owner of the 55-acre closed hazardous waste landfill and the active 256-acre non-hazardous municipal solid waste landfill co-located at the site is Waste Management of Illinois, Inc.

The Illinois EPA is accepting written public comments on the draft post-closure renewal permit. After consideration of any comments received, the Illinois EPA will make a final decision on the permit.

Written comments must be received by 11:59 PM on September 21, 2026. If a significant degree of public interest is expressed in the draft permit, a public hearing or other information meeting may be held. **Written comments should be submitted to:**

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In response to public requests or at the discretion of the Illinois EPA, a public hearing may be held. A public hearing request must be made in writing, express opposition to the draft permit, and state the nature of the issue(s) to be raised during the hearing. Written hearing requests should be sent to the Illinois EPA contact listed above by the end of the comment period. If applicable, public notice of a public hearing will be given at least 30 days in advance of a hearing.

All comments received will become part of the Administrative Record (AR) and will be evaluated by the Illinois EPA in making the final post-closure renewal permit decision. The Illinois EPA will respond to comments on the draft post-closure renewal permit and indicate whether additional documents have been included in the AR. Commenters will be notified of the final post-closure renewal permit decision and the permit decision appeal process.

The interested public is invited to review copies of the renewal permit application, draft post-closure renewal permit, and facility fact sheet at the Joliet Public Library (150 North Ottawa Street, Joliet, Illinois 60432). The AR, including the renewal permit application, draft renewal permit, related information and all data submitted by the applicant, is now available for public inspection. Please call the Illinois EPA contact above for an appointment to view the documents at Illinois EPA office in Springfield. Copies of the draft permit and fact sheet are available at <https://epa.illinois.gov/public-notice/bol-permit-public-notice.html>.

Those interested in being added to the facility mailing list should contact the Illinois EPA contact identified above.

For further RCRA information, please visit <https://www.epa.gov/rcra>.

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