

ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES REPORT

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Solid Waste, Recycling

- 2007 SCORE Report preparation
- Burn Barrel Grant
 - Developing educational materials
 - Climb Theater presentations
 - Bernie the Burn Barrel
 - Newspaper ads
 - Burn barrel buy-back program
- Multi-County Solid Waste meeting
 - Rice County meeting for alternate waste disposal options

Ponderosa Landfill

- 2007 Annual Report submitted to the MPCA
 - Includes 2007 waste amounts
- Waste electronics loadout
- Re-Permitting Process
 - Submitted to MPCA mid-November
 - Stormwater plans
 - Leachate Recirculation component
 - MPCA guidelines
 - Landfill gas utilization feasibility study
 - Need separate hearing
- Landfill planning meeting
 - Cell construction in 2008

Hazardous Waste

- Preparing for the 2008 season
- Pharmaceutical wastes
- Sponsoring/Co-Sponsoring contracts

Miscellaneous

- Environmental Health Specialist position
- Wetland authorities
- Court of Appeals ruling on Vigness/Brunz enforcement
- Electronic Permitting software
 - Request for Proposal (RFP)
- 2008 MN Air, Water and Waste Environmental Conference
- Possible expansion of the Xcel Energy Ash Landfill
- Well Sealing Program

Information Articles

- Free Press "No Jail for Junkyard Owner"
- Star Tribune "Chemical Companies Swayed MPCA Rule"
- Star Tribune "Battle Over Outdoors Tax Goes to the Ballot"
- St. Peter Herald "CLIMB Theater Teaches Valuable Lesson"
- Star Tribune "Don't Burn Treated Woods in Yard: Results are Toxic"
- Star Tribune "Bag'em Up: Plastic Sacks Losing Appeal"
- Star Tribune "Recycling Turns on End Markets"
- Free Press "Much to Consider When Asked 'Paper or Plastic'"
- Waste News "EPA Plans to Classify Meds as a Universal Waste"

Star Tribune "Old Medications Shouldn't be Flushed"
Free Press "Pharmaceuticals Increasingly Found in Tap Water"
Star Tribune "Many Older TVs to Become Doorstops a Year From Today "
Parade Magazine "Dangers of E-Waste"
Star Tribune "Who Should Pay to Clean Up Washington Co. Landfill?"
Free Press "Brown County Landfill Fined by MPCA for Violations"
Minnesota Counties "Septic System Rule Changes"
Minnesota Counties "News for County SSTS Programs"
Star Tribune "Small Towns Illegally Releasing Raw Sewage"
Star Tribune "Lax Regulations are Allowing Our Water to be Badly Tainted"
Star Tribune "State Seeking Abandoned Wells to Seal"
Star Tribune "Is Ethanol Tapping Too Much Water?"
Star Tribune "DNR to Buy 'Incredibly Rare' Wetland"
Star Tribune "Mommm! Can You Save the Planet?"
Free Press "Biofilter Concerns Fully Aired, Dismissed"
Free Press "Hybrids are Hot Stuff, But Do They Really Save Money?"
Popular Mechanics "New Fuel from Old Tires?"
Free Press "Duluth Home Built For Efficiency"
Free Press "Green Home Products Save Energy, Water and More"
Free Press "Straw House"
Time Magazine "Tuning Up the House"
Waste News "Builders Want to Mainstream Green"
Star Tribune "For Some Neighbors, Going Green is Getting Mean"
Pierre Capital Journal "Greener on the Other Side"
Waste News "Green Transition Not So Easy in Offices"
County News "How 'Going Green' Has Taken Root in the Nation's Counties"
Free Press "EPA Issues New Smog Regulations"
Free Press "Bush Role in New Smog Regulations Disputed"
Star Tribune "Too Dirty To Breathe"
Star Tribune "Global Warming - Cleaner Air"
Parade Magazine "As the Cost of Fuel Rises, Battles Rage Over Wind Power"
Star Tribune "Catching the Wind"
Star Tribune "And the Wind Waits...and Waits..."
Popular Mechanics "Not a Watt to be Wasted"
Star Tribune "It's Time for the State to Get Serious about Climate Change"
County News "Counties Warm Up to Climate Action, Get Prepared"
Free Press "Global Warming Becoming a Business"
Waste News "Report Points to Carbon Tax Benefits"
Time Magazine "Geoengineering. Messing With Nature Caused Global Warming"
Star Tribune "Pollution's Source Dictates Air Alert Advice"