MPCA 2020 CWD SUMMARY March 2020

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  + Lined landfills
  + Incineration (if temperatures exceed 1500°F)
* DNR has confirmed a total of 52 CWD+ wild deer since 2010, here’s where carcasses went:
  + Whole carcass to digester: 19
  + Meat to digester and butcher remains to lined landfill: 26
    - includes 1 from metro, remainder SE MN (all hauled to Olmsted County Landfill)
  + Meat processor waste stream: 2
  + Left on the landscape and mostly scavenged, remains recovered and digested: 5
* Hunters are only required by DNR rules to do 3 things:
  + Register the deer after harvesting it (via phone, on-line, or walk-in big game station)
  + Comply with mandatory CWD testing, either via self-service sampling station (available for archery and muzzleloader season) or in person at sampling stations (firearm season)
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