

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0023141-10-1

Permittee: City of Abbotsford, 504 E Linden St, Abbotsford, WI 54405

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Abbotsford Wastewater Treatment Facility, 504 E Linden St., Abbotsford, WI

Receiving Water And Location: Elm Brook, located in the Upper Big Eau Pleine Watershed of the Upper Wisconsin River Central Sub-basin in Marathon County

Brief Facility Description: The Abbotsford Wastewater Treatment Facility treats domestic waste from the City of Abbotsford. The facility has an annual average design flow of 0.323 million gallons per day (MGD). The activated sludge type treatment plant consists of grit removal, screening, two sequencing batch reactors (SBRs), aerobic digestion, and reed bed basins for sludge dewatering. Phosphorus is currently removed with chemical addition (ferric chloride). Sludge is treated via aerobic digestion and thickened using reed beds prior to beneficially reusing the Class B biosolids on Department approved fields through land application

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Sarah Donoughe, DNR, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727, (920) 662-5148, Sarah.Donoughe@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Nicholas Lindstrom, DNR, 1300 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54701, (715) 492-1787, Nicholas.Lindstrom@wisconsin.gov

Proposed Modification: The Department has made the determination that this facility has reasonable potential to cause or contribute to an exceedance of the PFOS standard in s. NR 102.04(8)(d)1., Wis. Adm. Code. Language has been added to the permit requiring the implementation of a PFOS and PFOA Minimization Plan.

The Department has tentatively decided that the above-specified WPDES permit should be modified.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above-named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Wis. Stats. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be inspected and copied at either the above-named permit drafter's office or the above named basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (920) 662-5148 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice, permit and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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