

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0023159-10-0

Permittee: Adams City of, P O Box 1009, Adams, WI, 53910

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Adams Wastewater Treatment Facility, 1002 W Lake St Friendship WI

Receiving Water And Location: Little Roche A Cri Cr in Little Roche A Cri Creek of Wisconsin River (upper) in Adams County

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: The City of Adams owns and operates a 0.436 MGD (million gallons per day) activated sludge type wastewater treatment facility with discharge to Little Roche-a-Cri Creek. Actual annual average treated flow in 2024 was 0.168 MGD. This facility treats wastewater from the City of Adams, the Village of Friendship, Castle on the Bay Sunset Condos, Northern Bay, and Timber Shores, hauled waste, and leachate from the Adams County landfill. This facility also received an average daily volume of 20,000 gallons per day (GPD) of wastewater from West Rock that manufactures paperboard and multi-color ink for printing. However, West Rock is required to pretreat their wastewater in order to remove the ink prior to being piped to the Adams WWTF. The City's wastewater treatment plant consists of two oxidation ditches, a clarifier, a headwork's building, a chemical building, a chlorine contact chamber, an aerobic digester with an associated blower building, and two sludge storage tanks. Phosphorus is removed via ferric chloride and effluent is disinfected seasonally via chlorination and dechlorination prior to discharge.

Operational changes that occurred since the last permit issuance include utilizing only half the oxidation ditch and limiting sludge hauling to once a year. Significant changes for this issuance include 1) addition of monitoring for effluent PFOS and PFOA once every two months and an associated determination of need schedule in accordance with s. NR 106.98(2)(b), Wis. Adm. Code., and 2) PFAS sludge sampling has been included in the WPDES permit pursuant to ss. NR 214.18(5)(b) and NR 204.06(2)(b)9., Wis. Adm. Code to quantitate risk.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Angela Parkhurst, 1300 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI, 54701, (715) 839-3836, Angela.Parkhurst@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Tanner Connors, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711, (608) 575-6891, Tanner.Connors@wisconsin.gov

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

Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Land application of waste shall be done in accordance with permit conditions and applicable codes. All land application sites shall be approved prior to their use. To receive a list of approved sites, or to be notified of potential approvals, contact the above-named basin engineer.

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 (715) 839-3836 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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