

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0001473-08-0

Permittee: Ahlstrom NA Specialty Solutions LLC, 200 Main Avenue, De Pere, WI, 54115

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Ahlstrom NA Specialty Solutions LLC, 200 Main Avenue

Receiving Water And Location: West side of Fox River at river mile 7.2, downstream from De Pere Dam

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: Ahlstrom NA Specialty Solutions LLC's De Pere Facility, referred to as the Nicolet Mill, manufactures label backing paper from purchased virgin and recycled pulp. All process wastewaters are treated with pH neutralization, dechlorination and primary clarification prior to discharge to the City of De Pere Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTP) which is owned and operated by the Green Bay Metropolitan Sewerage District (GBMSD).

The facility's water intake structure is permitted by a Water Use Individual Permit No. 6122 to remove up to 5,184,000 gallons per day (GPD). Actual withdrawal rates for 2022-2024 averaged 1.25 MGD. Intake water is treated with copper ion for zebra mussel control. Process wastewater is discharge to the WWTP after use at the facility and excess river water not used for cooling or processes within the facility is discharged to the Fox River via Outfall 003. Discharge produced by regular fire system tests occur at a minimum of 5 times per year and are monitored through Outfall 010. Additional outfalls are included in the permit to allow the facility to pump water out of low-lying areas on the facility's property when flooding occurs and for building wash events that occur roughly every 10 years.

Clarifier sludge is hauled to Red Hills Landfill for disposal. Since the solids are disposed of at a site licensed pursuant to chs. NR 500 to 538, Wis. Adm. Code, the discharge is exempted from WPDES permit requirements as allowed in s. NR 200.03(3), Wis. Adm. Code. As such, sludge monitoring is not required under this permit.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Amanda Perdzock, DNR, 101 S. Webster St. PO Box 7921, Madison, WI, 53707, (608) 267-7635, Amanda.Perdzock@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Laura Gerold, 2984 Shawano Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727, (920) 366-6728, laura.gerold@wisconsin.gov

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

Cooling Water Intake Structure: The proposed permit contains a determination regarding use of the best technologies available for minimizing impingement mortality and entrainment at the permittee's cooling water intake structure, subject to ch. NR 111, Wis. Adm. Code, and section 316(b) of the federal Clean Water Act.

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 (608) 267-7635 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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