

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0003468-10-1

Permittee: Ahlstrom Stevens Point LLC, 707 Arlington Place, Stevens Point, WI 54481

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Ahlstrom Stevens Point LLC, 707 Arlington Place, Stevens Point, WI

Receiving Water And Location: The Wisconsin River in Portage County, and the groundwaters of primarily Adams, Clark, Jackson, Juneau, Marathon, Portage, Waushara, and Wood Counties via approved landspreading sites.

Brief Facility Description: The Stevens Point Mill is a non-integrated paper mill that has two specialty paper machines with an annual capacity of approximately 210,000 tons per year. In addition, the facility operations include an off-machine hot soft calender, two finishing winders and four salvage winders. The mill has a stock preparation area that processes market pulp as raw material stock for the paper machines and there are two independent coating departments that provide surface coatings to the respective paper machines. There are two gas-fired boilers that provide steam to the mill and one turbine generator associated with one of the boilers. Some of the specialty products include flexible packaging papers for pouches, spiral canisters, bags and various types of wrapping paper; label papers for bottles, jars and cans; high-gloss papers that are metalized; and technical papers for sales receipts, address labels, postage stamps and release liners. The mill's acid papermaking process is elemental chlorine-free. The mill holds the following certifications for its operations and products: FSC, SFI, PEFC, ISO 9001-2015 and Green Matters.

The Mill does not use additives to treat the seal water prior to use nor does it treat the seal water prior to discharge. The Water Renewal Center discharges treated process wastewater to the Wisconsin River by way of outfall 003 during normal operations. The Water Renewal Center provides pH neutralization, primary clarification, activated sludge secondary treatment and sludge dewatering. In addition to treating process wastewaters from the Stevens Point Mill, the Water Renewal Center treats leachate from the Water Renewal Center landfill, which is adjacent to the Water Renewal Center.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Sarah Donoughe, DNR, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727, (920) 366-6076, Sarah.Donoughe@wisconsin.gov

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

Proposed Modification: The permit modification is proposed to reduce the effluent PFOS/PFOA sampling frequency from monthly to 1/ 2 months, after a review of submitted data, pursuant to s. NR 205.066, Wis. Adm. Code. The modified permit also includes the permittee's name change to Ahlstrom Stevens Point LLC (previously Pixelle Androscoggin LLC - Water Renewal Center) following the Stipulation of Permit Acceptance form submittal.

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) 366-6076 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.