

.STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0021385-11-0

Permittee: Village of Alma Center, 200 North Church St., Alma Center, WI, 54611

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Alma Center Wastewater Treatment Facility, 407 North Church St., Alma Center, WI

Receiving Water And Location: the groundwater of the Black River Drainage Basin in Jackson County

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: The Alma Center Wastewater Treatment Facility treats domestic waste from the Village of Alma Center. The annual average design flow of the facility is 0.074 million gallons per day (MGD). The actual annual average flow in 2023 was 0.031 MGD. Primary treatment is via screening and an aerated grit chamber, secondary treatment is via two rotating sequencing batch reactors (SBR) with an aerobic digester and sludge holding tank. There is a pressurized distribution system at the site of the old seepage cells that serves as an absorption cell. Sludge is hauled by a private hauler and land applied on Department approved fields. Significant monitoring and/or limit changes in this permit term are as follows: 1) The department is granting a conditional s. NR 140.28 exemption for nitrite + nitrate due to high levels in the background groundwater samples, therefore there is no longer a groundwater preventative action limit (PAL) or enforcement standard (ES) for nitrite + nitrate. 2) The total dissolved solids and organic dissolved nitrogen groundwater PALs increased. 3) Monitoring well 806 is now considered a mid-system, non-point of standard well. 4) The ammonia alternate concentration limit (ACL) increased. 5) The monitoring frequency for chloride at the land treatment outfall increased. 6) A compliance schedule is included that requires the facility have an operator in charge with the correct certifications.

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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) 492-0483 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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