

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0061336-08-0

Permittee: Bell Sanitary District 1, P.O. Box 146, Cornucopia, WI, 54827

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Bell Sanitary District 1, 23400 Recycling Drive, Cornucopia, Wisconsin

Receiving Water And Location: An unnamed tributary to Lake Superior Within the Bayfield Peninsula Northwest Watershed in the Lake Superior Drainage Basin, Bayfield County

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: The Bell Sanitary District owns and operates a domestic wastewater treatment system. The plant designed to treat 20,000 gallons per day, currently treats an average of 20,000 gallons per day (2018 – 2022 data). The facility discharges seasonally March through June and September through November. The treatment system consists of a two-cell stabilization pond system operated one after another (in series). The treated wastewater (effluent) is discharged to a wooded ravine that is approximately 2,500 feet from Lake Superior.

It is the Department's intention to renew the permit for another term. The proposed new permit expiration date will be December 31, 2028. Appropriate discharge limitations, monitoring requirements, and reporting conditions will be included in the permit. Changes from the previous permit include: [1] Discharge is allowed into June; [2] The receiving water designation was reviewed and it was found that a limited aquatic life community was appropriate. Due to the designation change, BOD, total suspended solids, dissolved oxygen and ammonia effluent limit have also changed; [3] Effluent sampling for the nitrogen series is required; [4] Sludge monitoring for metals, PCB and PFAS/PFOA is required in 2025.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Sheri A. Snowbank, DNR, 810 W Maple St, Spooner, WI, 54801, (715) 635-4131, Sheri.Snowbank@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Eric Devenecia, DNR, 1701 N 4TH ST, Superior, WI 54880, (715) 685-4155, Eric.DeVenecia@wisconsin.gov

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) 635-4131 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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