

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0061336-08-1

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 : The Bell Sanitary District owns and operates a domestic wastewater treatment system. The facility discharges seasonally March through June and September through November annually. The treatment system consists of a two-cell stabilization pond system operated one after another (in series). Chemical (aluminum sulfate) addition is used in the secondary lagoon prior to discharge as needed to meet permit limits.

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

Proposed Modification: Final effluent BOD5 and Total Suspended Solids limits have been removed, along with the corresponding compliance schedule. This proposed permit modification is in response to a Wis. Stat. s. 283.63 contested case hearing petition filed by Bell on February 20, 2024.

In the land application section, the nomenclature for the sample frequency has been updated from Per Occurrence to Per Application. This change will ensure the permittee gets an annual land application form.

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 (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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