

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0021229-11-0

Permittee: City of Berlin, PO Box 272, Berlin, WI, 54923

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Berlin Wastewater Treatment Facility, 770 N Wisconsin St, Berlin, WI 54923

Receiving Water And Location: Fox River in Fox River - Berlin Watershed of Upper Fox River Basin in Waushara County

Brief Facility Description: Wastewater enters the wet well at the treatment plant, passes through an aerated grit tank (where phosphorous removal chemicals are added), screening is performed and from there it goes to rectangular primary clarifiers. Berlin uses alum to remove phosphorous. Biosolids from the primary clarifiers are directed to an anaerobic digester. This facility has primary and secondary anaerobic digesters. Wastewater goes from the primary clarifiers to rectangular activated sludge aeration basins, then to final clarifiers. Solids from the final clarifiers are returned to the aeration basins and to a dissolved air floatation unit for thickening prior to discharge to the anaerobic digesters. The final effluent passes through UV disinfection and then to the final effluent weir. Solids from the digesters go to 4 sludge drying beds to allow the solids to concentrate prior to hauling. An underdrain system carries the decant liquids from the drying beds to the head of the plant.

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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 (920) 857-0450 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.