

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0042528-05-0

Permittee: Birchwood Manufacturing Co, 38 E Messenger St, Rice Lake, WI, 54868

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Birchwood Manufacturing Co, 38 East Messenger Street

Receiving Water And Location: The Red Cedar River within the Brill and Red Cedar Rivers Watershed in the Lower Chippewa River Drainage Basin in Barron County

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: Birchwood Manufacturing Company produces hardwood veneer products. The facility generates log spraying wastewater from late April through October annually. Logs stacked onsite are sprayed as needed with water to maintain adequate moisture content required for veneer manufacturing.

The wastewater from the unpaved log yard flows across the unpaved ground to a collection tank. Water from the tank discharges to a gravel filled trench before reaching a storm sewer at the southeast corner of the yard. This storm sewer ultimately discharges into the Red Cedar River. Most of the spray water is expected to enter the trench and infiltrate into the groundwater with little reaching the surface water. During rainfall events wastewater and storm water from the lot commingle prior to discharge to the storm sewer. Language is included in the permit which requires a Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan to manage runoff from rain events.

It is the Department's intention to renew the permit for another term. The proposed new permit expiration date will be June 30, 2029. Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit.

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: Carson Johnson, DNR, 810 W Maple St, Spooner, WI 54801, (715) 205-7507, carson.johnson@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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