

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0031950-09-0

Permittee: Blenker Sherry Sanitary District, 9225 County F & N, Milladore, WI, 54454

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Blenker Sherry Sanitary District WWTF, 3861 CTH N, Milladore, WI

Receiving Water And Location: Mill Creek located in the Mill Creek Watershed of the Central Wisconsin River Basin in Wood County

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: The Blenker-Sherry Sanitary District (SD) Wastewater Treatment Facility treats domestic waste from the Towns of Blenker and Sherry. The annual average design flow of the facility is 0.028 million gallons per day (MGD) and the actual annual average effluent flow in 2023 was 0.013 MGD. The treatment plant consists of a 30,000-gallon oxidation ditch with two aeration rotors and one secondary clarifier. Effluent is disinfected seasonally, May – Sept, via ultraviolet light. Sludge is stored on-site and then land applied on Department approved fields. Significant effluent monitoring and/or limits changes in this permit term are as follows: 1) the addition of annual monitoring for total nitrogen, nitrite + nitrate nitrogen and total Kjeldahl nitrogen, 2) the sample frequency for flow has been changed from “continuous” to “daily” for eDMR reporting purposes, 3) fecal coliform monitoring and limits will be replaced during the permit term with Escherichia coli (E. coli) monitoring and limits, per the associated compliance schedule, and 4) the phosphorus monthly average concentration limit has been removed. Additionally, to quantitate the risk, PFAS sludge sampling has been included in the permit pursuant to ss. NR 214.18(5)(b) and NR 204.06(2)(b)9., Wis. Adm. Code. Schedules have been added that require the permittee have an operator certified in the P subclass (Phosphorus) and SS subclass (Sanitary Sewage Collection System), as well as go through the proper plan review process for a facility upgrade.

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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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