

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0020575-11-1

Permittee: City of Bloomer, 2431 Chippewa Rd, Bloomer, WI, 54724

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Bloomer Wastewater Treatment Facility, 2431 Chippewa Rd (Hwy Q), Bloomer, WI

Receiving Water And Location: Duncan Creek located in the Duncan Creek Watershed of the Lower Chippewa River Basin in Chippewa County

Brief Facility Description: The Bloomer Wastewater Treatment Facility treats domestic waste from the City of Bloomer, septage waste from private pumpers/haulers, as well as reclamation waste from WRR Environmental Services. The annual average design flow of the facility is 0.611 million gallons per day (MGD). Primary treatment consists of a fine screen and grit removal. Secondary treatment consists of an oxidation ditch with an extended aeration activated sludge process. Ferric chloride coagulant is added both upstream and downstream of the oxidation ditch. A major facility upgrade was completed in 2022, with the addition of tertiary filtration. Effluent is disinfected using UV light and passes over a cascade aeration unit to increase dissolved oxygen prior to discharge to Duncan Creek. After final settling the sludge is thickened using polymer addition and drum thickeners and then treated via aerobic digestion. Sludge is land applied on Department approved agricultural fields.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Sarah Donoughe, DNR, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727, (920) 662-5148, Sarah.Donoughe@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Logan Rubeck, DNR, 1300 W Clairemont Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701, (715) 450-5967, logan.rubeck@wisconsin.gov

Proposed Modification: The permit modification is proposed to reduce the effluent PFOS/PFOA sampling frequency from 1/ 2 months to annual, after a review of submitted data, pursuant to s. NR 205.066, Wis. Adm. Code.

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 (920) 662-5148 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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