

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0028321-09-1

Permittee: CITY OF SHULLSBURG, PO Box 580, Shullsburg, WI 53586-0580

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Shullsburg Wastewater Treatment Facility, 780 West Water St, Shullsburg, WI

Receiving Water And Location: Shullsburg Branch in the Galena River Watershed, GP01 – Grant-Platte River Basin, in Lafayette County

Brief Facility Description: The City of Shullsburg operates an extended aeration activated sludge and aerated fixed-film wastewater treatment facility consisting of a vertical screen, primary clarifier, two rotating biological contactors (RBCs), two aeration tanks, chemical addition for total phosphorus removal, final clarifier, UV disinfection, and post-aeration prior to discharge. The chemical phosphorus upgrade was completed in 2018 and the UV disinfection system in 2023. Sludge from the treatment process is aerobically digested and stored onsite prior to landspreading on DNR approved sites. The facility is designed to treat an average daily flow of 0.2885 MGD and treated an annual average of 0.18 MGD from October 2018 – April 2023. Outfall 002 is no longer in use and was officially abandoned in 2023. The outfall has been made inactive, no discharge from Outfall 002 is authorized.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Sarah Donoughe, DNR, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI, 54313-6727, (920) 366-6076, Sarah.Donoughe@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Caitlin Oconnell, DNR, 1500 N Johns Street, Dodgeville, WI 53533, (608) 716-9964, Caitlin.Oconnell@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) 366-6076 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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