

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0060682-10-0

Permittee: Dells Boat Tours LLC (Witches Gulch), P O Box 630, Wisconsin Dells, WI, 53965

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Dells Boat Tours LLC (Witches Gulch), River Rd., Section 21, Town of Dell Prairie

Receiving Water And Location: the groundwater of the Duck and Plainville Creeks Watershed of the Lower Wisconsin River Basin in Adams County

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: Dells Boat Tours LLC owns and operates the Dells Boat Witches Gulch facility for treatment of domestic wastewater from the restrooms at the tour boat landing on the Wisconsin River in the Dells. The annual average design flow of the facility is 0.004 million gallons per day (MGD). The actual annual average flow in 2023 was 0.002 MGD. The treatment system consists of two septic tanks, a lift station and a sand filter. Sludge collects in the primary septic tank and is removed by a licensed hauler at the end of the season and is either land applied on sites approved for the septage hauler or brought to a wastewater treatment plant. The treated wastewater from the secondary septic tank is pumped to the sand filter, after which it seeps into the ground within 20 feet of discharge. No major operational changes occurred during the last permit term. No monitoring or limitation changes are in this permit term.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Holly Heldstab, 1300 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI, 54701, (715) 492-0483, Holly.Heldstab@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Tanner Connors, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711, (608) 575-6891, Tanner.Connors@wisconsin.gov

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.

PUBLISHING NEWSPAPER: Wisconsin Dells Events, 716 Elm St., Wisconsin Dells, WI 53965-1520

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