

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0021571-10-0

Permittee: Village of Dorchester, Village Hall, Dorchester, WI, 54425

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Dorchester Wastewater Treatment Facility, 3rd Avenue, Dorchester, WI

Receiving Water And Location: Unnamed Creek 14-10, a tributary to the North Fork of the Popple River, located in the Popple River Watershed of the Black River Basin in Clark County

**Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes:** The Dorchester Wastewater Treatment Facility treats domestic wastewater from the Village of Dorchester. The facility has an annual average influent design flow of 0.128 million gallon per day (MGD) and had an actual annual influent flow of 0.104 in 2024. Treatment is via a five-celled aerated lagoon type system. Chemical phosphorus treatment via ferric chloride is added in the manhole prior to Pond 5. In this permit term the influent BOD & TSS monitoring frequency increased from weekly to 2/week. Significant effluent limit and monitoring changes this permit term are as follows: 1) the sample frequency for flow (at influent and effluent) has been changed from “continuous” to “daily” for eDMR reporting purposes, 2) the conditional reapproval of a multi-discharger variance (MDV) for phosphorus interim MDV limit, 3) the ammonia limits changed, 4) addition of chronic WET testing, 5) an increase in BOD, TSS, phosphorus, ammonia and DO monitoring frequencies, 6) addition of copper limits and a schedule to meet the limits, 7) Since chemical treatment is currently utilized in Pond 5, this facility no longer qualifies for the total suspended solids variance limitation in accordance with s. NR 210.07(2), Wis. Adm. Code, therefore new TSS limits are included, and 8) the CBOD limits have been removed and new BOD limits are included. Clarification language has been added notifying the permittee they must monitor sludge for List 2 nutrients and meet the requirements of List 3 (Pathogen Control) and List 4 (Vector Attraction Reduction) prior to landspreading if they remove sludge from the lagoon(s). A schedule has been included requiring the permittee submit a sludge management plan prior to removal and land application of sludge from the pond(s). Additionally, to quantitate the risk, PFAS sludge sampling has been included in the permit pursuant to ss. NR214.18(5)(b) and NR 204.06(2)(b)9., Wis. Adm. Code. A schedule has also been added that requires the permittee have an operator certified in the P Subclass (Phosphorus).

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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.

**Phosphorus Multi-Discharger Variance:** The Department has determined that the permittee is eligible for a phosphorus multi-discharger variance (MDV) in accordance with s. 283.16, Wis. Stats. The MDV provides a time extension for the permittee to comply with the final water quality based effluent limits for phosphorus while contributing funds towards nonpoint pollution control projects to reduce phosphorus. Comments on this determination are requested and additional supporting documentation and data are available upon request.

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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