

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0064998-02-1

Permittee: Eleva Strum Joint Sewerage Commission WWTF, 202 5th Avenue S, Strum, WI, 54770

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Eleva Strum Joint Sewerage Commission WWTF, N49237 County Rd V

Receiving Water And Location: the surface waters of the Buffalo River in the Upper Buffalo River Watershed of the Buffalo-Trempealeau River Basin located in Trempealeau County

Brief Facility Description : The Villages of Eleva and Strum have a combined wastewater treatment facility to serve both domestic wastewater from communities, and industrial wastewater from the North American Fly Company. The annual average design flow the facility is designed to treat is up to 0.201 million gallons per day (MGD), with an actual average influent flow of 0.099 MGD in 2019. The facility has enhanced biological nutrient removal, activated sludge, and UV disinfection. Sludge is hauled to the West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility. There are no operational changes proposed for the upcoming term.

The Department is proposing to modify pollutant trading for the purposes of complying with effluent phosphorus limits at Outfall 001. The Eleva Strum WWTF originally submitted a Water Quality Trading Plan WQT-2019-0016 that provides the details of this pollutant trade. The plan provides calculations and a table that shows the amount of phosphorus credits that will be available each year. Eleva Strum WWTF submitted an amendment to the plan that more accurately reflects the credits available and was approved by the Department. The permit still retains a phosphorus monthly average concentration effluent limit of 1.0 mg/L that acts as the minimum control level and applies to outfall 001. Significant effluent monitoring or limit changes that will continue from the current permit are as follows: 1) new effluent phosphorus limit compliance methods based on water quality trading credits, added an associated phosphorus credits compliance schedule, 2) the removal of copper and hardness monitoring, 3) the addition of effluent weekly geometric mean limit for fecal coliform, 4) addition of total nitrogen, nitrate+nitrite nitrogen, Kjeldahl nitrogen monitoring, and weekly and monthly average limits for ammonia nitrogen, 5) addition of an acute WET limit. The additional limit types for fecal coliform and ammonia nitrogen have been added to comply with NR 106.07(3).

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Proposed Modification: Eleva Strum annual phosphorus credits in the WQT Plan updated with a new amendment and reflected in the permit requirements.

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, 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 permit drafter's address. Currently, DNR staff are working remotely and have very limited access to US mail. To ensure comments are received, the Department recommends that all comments be sent via email to the permit drafter listed in this notice. Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, is accessible via e-mail by contacting the above named permit drafter's e-mail address or the above named basin engineer's e-mail during normal business hours Monday through Friday (except holidays). Note that DNR staff have limited access to permit hard copy files during this time as they are working from home, but much of the permit file is available electronically by e-mail request. 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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