

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0023922-11-0

Permittee: Village of Elmwood, PO Box 26, Elmwood, WI, 54740-0026

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Elmwood, Village of WWTF, 310 W. Groot Avenue, Elmwood, WI

Receiving Water And Location: Eau Galle River in Eau Galle River Watershed of Lower Chippewa River Basin in Pierce County

Brief Facility Description: The Village of Elmwood Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) treats domestic and commercial wastewater from the Village of Elmwood, Sailer's Meat Market, and Contract Manufacturing. The annual average design flow of the plant is 0.0792 million gallons per day (MGD), and the actual annual average influent flow for 2025 was 0.055 MGD. No significant operational changes occurred during the last permit term. The WWTF consists of screening via a Huber screen, raw wastewater pumping, phosphorus removal chemical (Alum) is added to the raw wastewater before it is pumped to the two sequencing batch reactors (SBRs), which uses biology to further treat the wastewater. The treated effluent wastewater from the SBRs discharges to the Eau Galle River. Wastewater is disinfected seasonally via ultraviolet light. Sludge is digested aerobically prior to land application on Department approved sites. Significant effluent monitoring and/or limit changes in the upcoming permit term are as follows: 1) The effluent phosphorus monitoring frequency was increased from weekly to 3/week to match the BOD5 and TSS frequency, 2) addition of acute and chronic whole effluent toxicity (WET) testing, and 3) PFAS sludge sampling has been included in the WPDES permit pursuant to ss. NR 214.18(5)(b) and NR 204.06(2)(b)9., Wis. Adm. Code to quantitate risk.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Angela Parkhurst, 1300 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI, 54701, (715) 839-3836, Angela.Parkhurst@wisconsin.gov

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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.

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) 839-3836 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.