

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0024686-09-0

Permittee: Fox West Regional Sewerage Commission, 1965 W Butte Des Morts Road, Neenah, WI, 54956

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Fox West Regional Sewerage Commission , 1965 W. Butte des Morts Beach Road, Neenah, Wisconsin

Receiving Water And Location: Little Lake Butte des Morts in Little Lake Butte des Morts of Fox River (lower) in Winnebago County

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: Domestic, commercial, and industrial wastewaters are received at the plant from the Village of Fox Crossing, the Town of Grand Chute, the Village of Greenville, and the Town of Clayton. Along with wastewater, hauled in waste (holding tanks, septic waste) is also received for treatment at this facility. The wastewater passes through fine screens, grit removal, and primary clarification prior to entering one of three trains of IFAS (Integrated Fixed Film Activated Sludge) aeration basins. Ferric chloride is added for phosphorus removal. After secondary clarification in one of five final clarifiers, effluent passes through Ultraviolet (UV) lights for disinfection and is discharged into Little Lake Butte des Morts.

Solids (primary sludge, waste activated sludge) are treated using ATAD (autothermo thermophilic aerobic digestion) digesters. Solids are stored in a sludge storage tank prior to being fed into one of two ThermAir digesters. Following the ThermAir digesters, sludge is moved through the SNDR (storage nitrification denitrification reactor) tanks prior to being sent to a sludge storage tank. Following the storage tank, sludge is dewatered with one of two belt filter presses and is then stored in the sludge storage barn prior to land application on Department approved fields.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Ashley Clark, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI, 54313, (920) 857-0450, AshleyM.Clark@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Mark Stanek, 625 E County Road Y, Suite 700, Oshkosh, WI 54901, (920) 808-0670, Mark.Stanek@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 (920) 857-0450 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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