

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0024139-11-0

Permittee: VILLAGE OF GRATIOT, P O Box 189, Gratiot, WI, 53541-0189

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Gratiot Wastewater Treatment Facility, 10925 SIMONS LANE, GRATIOT, WISCONSIN

Receiving Water And Location: Wolf Creek in Lower Pecatonica River of Pecatonica River in Lafayette County

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: The Village of Gratiot operates a recirculating sand filter wastewater treatment facility that serves a population of approximately 236 with no industrial contributors. The treatment system includes two single-train septic tanks, a wet well, recirculation tank, four sand filter beds with underdrains, and a UV system for seasonal disinfection.

Solids are removed from the two septic tanks as needed and are land applied on department approved sites under ch. NR 204, Wis. Adm Code, for Domestic Sewage Sludge Management. For this permit term, Gratiot has been approved for water quality trading for phosphorus and plans to perform stream bank stabilization within the Wolf Creek watershed.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Amanda Perdzock, DNR, 101 S. Webster St. PO Box 7921, Madison, WI, 53707, (608) 267-7635, Amanda.Perdzock@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Caitlin Oconnell, 1500 N Johns Street, Dodgeville, WI 53533, (608) 716-9964, Caitlin.Oconnell@wisconsin.gov

The Department has tentatively decided that the above-specified WPDES permit should be reissued.

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 (608) 267-7635 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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