

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0020192-09-1

Permittee: Hartford Water Pollution Control Facility, 109 N Main St, Hartford, WI, 53027

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Hartford Water Pollution Control Facility, 1600 Liberty Ave

Receiving Water And Location: Rubicon River (Rubicon River Watershed, Upper Rock River Basin) in Washington County

Brief Facility Description : The City of Hartford operates a 3.6 million gallon per day (MGD) activated sludge wastewater treatment facility that serves approximately 17,000 people and seven significant industries. Treatment consists of screening, grit removal, three-ring oxidation ditch that was recently upgraded to allow for biological phosphorus removal, final clarification, anthracite filters, and ultraviolet disinfection. Cascade steps at the end of the discharge flume provide additional aeration before the effluent is discharged to the Rubicon River. Biosolids processes include gravity settling, and liquid sludge storage before being land applied onto Department approved agricultural fields. Based on data reported in 2017, the plant is currently operating at about 63% of its design flow and 32% of its design BOD loading. The Department has found the facility to be in substantial compliance with the current permit (WI-0020192-08-0).

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Lisa Creegan, DNR, 2300 N Dr Martin Luther King Jr Dr, Milwaukee, WI, 53212, (414) 263-8701, Lisa.Creegan@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Nicholas Lent, DNR, 2300 N Dr Martin Luther King Jr Dr, Milwaukee, WI 53212, (414) 263-8623, Nicholas.Lent@wisconsin.gov

Proposed Modification: The permit was modified to update the chronic WET limitation and associated instream waste concentration in permit sections 3.2.1 and 3.2.1.5.

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

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. 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. 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, 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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