

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0061000-11-0

Permittee: Village of Haugen, PO Box 234, Haugen, WI, 54841

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Haugen Wastewater Treatment Facility, SE1/4, NW1/4, SEC 18, T36N, R11W

Receiving Water And Location: The groundwater of the Brill and Red Cedar River watershed in the Lower Chippewa River drainage basin in Barron County.

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: The Village of Haugen owns and operates a wastewater collection and treatment system to handle wastes generated from homes and commercial buildings in the community. The system is designed to treat 24,600 gallons per day; actual influent flows average 12,000 gallons per day (2019-2023 data). The treatment units include two aerated ponds and three seepage cells. In the aerated ponds, naturally occurring bacteria and other micro-organisms metabolize organic matter in the waste. The treated water (called effluent) is discharged to the seepage cells. The sandy soil in the bottom of the seepage cells continue to treat the water as it percolates through the soil and eventually reaches the groundwater. Three monitoring wells placed around the perimeter of the system are used to monitor any groundwater impacts.

It is the Department's intention to renew the permit for another term. The proposed new permit expiration date will be September 30, 2029. Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Changes from the previous permit include:[1] Groundwater preventative action limits (PALs) were updated for dissolved nitrite + nitrate nitrogen, pH, dissolved organic nitrogen and total dissolved solids per NR 140 Wis. Adm. Code. [2] Sludge monitoring for List 1 (Metals), PCB and PFAS is required once prior to desludging. [3] Sludge List 2 (Nutrients) monitoring is required prior to each land application event, with a maximum frequency of annual. [4] A schedule for lagoon sludge removal during the permit term has been added.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Sheri A. Snowbank, DNR, 810 W Maple St, Spooner, WI, 54801, (715) 635-4131, Sheri.Snowbank@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Carson Johnson, DNR, 810 W Maple St, Spooner, WI 54801, (715) 205-7507, carson.johnson@wisconsin.gov

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) 635-4131 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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