

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0024210-10-0

Permittee: VILLAGE OF HAZEL GREEN, 1610 Fairplay Street, Hazel Green, WI, 53811

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Hazel Green Wastewater Treatment Facility, 2205 CRAWFORD LANE, HAZEL GREEN, WISCONSIN

Receiving Water And Location: West Bank of the Galena River. NW ¼ of SE ¼, Section 32, T1N, R1E in Lafayette county.

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: The Village of Hazel Green operates a hybrid fixed film/activated sludge wastewater treatment facility that treats mostly domestic wastewater, with minor commercial users and no industrial contributors. Treatment consists of a comminutor, primary clarification, rotating biological contactors (RBCs) with solids recycling, final clarification, chemical phosphorus removal, and seasonal chlorine disinfection/dichlorination prior to discharge to the Galena (Fever) River. Sludge is aerobically digested and stored on-site prior to being land applied on department approved sites.

A NON was issued in November 2019 for a treatment facility overflow that occurred in October 2019. A NON was issued in March 2024 for a failure to monitor sludge for List 2 parameters in 2023. The facility has completed all previously required actions as part of the enforcement process.

Fecal coliform monitoring and limits have been replaced with Escherichia coli (E. coli) monitoring and limits. The permittee has applied for a multi-discharger variance (MDV) for phosphorus for this permit term, an MDV interim limit of 0.6 mg/L has been added that goes into effect per a compliance schedule. Quarterly monitoring for Total Nitrogen is included in the permit. Sampling frequencies were evaluated and increased for some parameters. Monitoring sludge annually for PFAS is included.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: BetsyJo Howe, 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd, Fitchburg, WI, 53711, (608) 419-4155, Betsyjo.Howe@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.

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.

Phosphorus Multi-Discharger Variance: The Department has determined that the permittee is eligible for a phosphorus multi-discharger variance (MDV) in accordance with s. 283.16, Wis. Stats. The MDV provides a time extension for the permittee to comply with the final water quality based effluent limits for phosphorus while contributing funds towards nonpoint pollution control projects to reduce phosphorus. Comments on this determination are requested and additional supporting documentation and data are available upon request.

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) 419-4155 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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