

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REVOKE/REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0035483-09-0

Permittee: HILL POINT SANITARY DISTRICT, E4069 West Hillpoint Road, Hill Point, WI, 53937

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Hill Point Sanitary District WWTF, SEQ, SWQ, SEC 14, T11N, R3E, WASHINGTON TWP, E4105A HILLPOINT ROAD, HILL POINT, WISCONSIN

Receiving Water And Location: Groundwaters of the Wisconsin River Basin and Hill Point Creek (Narrows Creek/Baraboo River Watershed, LW22 – Lower Wisconsin River Basin) in Sauk County. SE ¼ of SW ¼ & SW ¼ of SW ¼, Section 14, T11N, R3E (Groundwater); NW ¼ of NE ¼, Section 23, T11N R3E (Surface Water).

Brief Facility Description: The Hill Point Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment Facility serves a population of approximately 150 residents with no industrial contributors and some commercial businesses. Treatment consists of a two-cell stabilization lagoon with spray irrigation and seasonal “fill and draw” effluent discharge. In October 2023, the facility requested to change to a groundwater discharge with Outfall 001 (surface water outfall) becoming an emergency-use-only outfall. Because of this significant change to the permit and timing of the current permit (WI-0035483-08-0) expiration, the Department will revoke and reissue the permit. Hill Point Sanitary District has agreed to the revoke and reissue process.

Starting in 2024, the facility will discharge to groundwater via spray irrigation and the 6.75 acre land treatment system. The land treatment system is located adjacent to the lagoons. The spray irrigation season is April through November. Surface water discharge is restricted to the months of April, May, October, and November when stream flows are the highest to Hill Point Creek. The facility is designed to treat an annual average flow of 11,000 gallons per day, and currently treats an average of 8,800 gallons per day. There are no plans to dispose of sludge this permit term, but sampling will occur during the permit term.

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: Tanner Connors, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711, (608) 575-6891, Tanner.Connors@wisconsin.gov

Reason For Revoke/Reissue: Because of the significant change to the permit discharge location and timing of the current permit (WI-0035483-08-0) expiration, the Department will revoke and reissue the permit. Hill Point Sanitary District has agreed to the revoke and reissue process.

The Department has tentatively decided that the above-specified WPDES permit should be revoked/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 (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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