PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0020486-09-0

Permittee: VILLAGE OF IRON RIDGE, P O Box 247, Iron Ridge, WI, 53035

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Iron Ridge Wastewater Treatment Facility, 200 SOUTH IRON STREET, IRON RIDGE, WISCONSIN

Receiving Water And Location: Unnamed Tributary to Wildcat Creek, NW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 25, T11N, R16E (Outfall: Lat: 43.39662 °N / Lon: 88.53880 °W).

Brief Facility Description: The Village of Iron Ridge owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility serving the Village of Iron Ridge, the Town of Herman Sanitary District #1, and Ashwood Communities subdivision with a total population of approximately 1,400. The wastewater is residential in nature with some industrial and commercial contributors; industrial users discharge very little wastewater besides sanitary.

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Summary of Proposed Changes: Influent: Flow rate sample type has changed from “Continuous” to “Daily”.

Effluent: Multi-Discharger Variance monitoring requirements and limits have been added to the permit. The TMDL-derived Total Phosphorus limits have been added to the permit. Total Nitrogen Monitoring (TKN, NO2+NO3 and Total N): Annual monitoring in rotating quarters throughout the permit term was added to the proposed permit. One year of Chloride monitoring has been added to the permit to be completed in calendar year 2026. One year of Temperature monitoring has been added to the permit to be completed in calendar year 2026. Rotating Whole Effluent Toxicity for both Acute and Chronic testing has been added to the permit. The sample frequencies for the following parameters were increased from Weekly to 2/Week: CBODs, Total Suspended Solids, Ammonia Nitrogen, Dissolved Oxygen, pH, Total Phosphorus.

Lagoon Sludge: New timeframe for monitoring lagoon sludge is now calendar year 2024.

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

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, 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) 275-7775 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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STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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Permit Drafter’s Name, Address, Phone and Email: Sean Spencer, DNR, 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd, Fitchburg, WI, 53711, (608) 275-7775, Sean.Spencer@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

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Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be reviewed on the internet at the above web link or may be inspected and copied at the permit drafter’s office during office hours. Information on this permit may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter 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. 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.