

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0000540-10-0

Permittee: Kimberly Clark Corporation, 3120 Riverside Ave, Marinette, WI, 54143

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Kimberly Clark Corporation Marinette, 3120 Riverside Ave

Receiving Water And Location: Outfalls 001: South bank of the Menominee River, one quarter mile up stream of the Hattie Street Bridge. Outfall 004: discharged into turbine generator intakes on south side of the Menominee River, one quarter mile upstream of the Hattie Street Bridge.

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: Kimberly-Clark Corporation at Marinette operates a non-integrated paper mill and converting operations producing sanitary tissue paper products.

Emergency Outfall 005 and virtual outfall 003 are being removed.

Changes to Outfall 106: The outfall name has been updated from “Mercury Field Blank Results” to “Field Blank Results”. PFOS and PFOA blanks have been added to the permit.

Changes to Outfall 004: PFOS and PFOA, and Temperature monitoring has been added to the permit as per the WQBEL memo dated May 15, 2023. BOD5 and TSS concentration reporting has been added to this permit. Sample frequency for BOD5 and TSS has been changed from “at discharge” to “5/week”; the facility should report “no discharge” if no discharge occurred. Categorical limits for BOD and TSS has been added to this outfall and removed from Outfall 003. The pH exceedances total minutes and greater than 60 minutes has been added to this permit.

Outfall 006 is being added to the permit to record the wastewater treatment sludge sent off-site to a licensed landfill.

Permit Drafter’s Name, Address, Phone and Email: Jonathan Hill, DNR, 101 S. Webster St. PO Box 7921, Madison, WI, 53707-7921, (608) 267-7627, Jonathan.Hill@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer’s Name, Address, Phone and Email: Laura Gerold, 2984 Shawano Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727, (920) 366-6728, laura.gerold@wisconsin.gov

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

Cooling Water Intake Structure: The proposed permit contains a determination regarding use of the best technologies available (BTA). The Department does believe that the facility’s intake structure represents BTA for minimizing adverse environmental impact in accordance with the requirements in section 283.31 (6), Wis. Stats. and section 316 (b) of the Clean Water Act.

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) 267-7627 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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