

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0067130-01-1

Permittee: MRMC THERMAL SERVICE INC, 8700 W. Watertown Plank Rd, Wauwatosa, WI, 53226

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: MILWAUKEE REGIONAL MEDICAL CENTER THERMAL SE, 9250 W Watertown Plank Rd

Receiving Water And Location: Menomonee River, South Bank 2,280 feet upstream of Harmonee Avenue Bridge at intersection with Menomonee River Parkway.

Brief Facility Description : MRMC-Thermal uses cooling towers to provide cooling water for centrifugal chillers. Source water is raw well water from an onsite private well. The centrifugal chillers provide the cooling water for the Milwaukee Regional Medical Center campus. The wastewater is cooling tower effluent from blowdown for chemistry control, filter blowdown, and system draining for maintenance. Chemical additives are used for corrosion protection to protect the equipment and to prevent harmful biological activity. Wastewater is discharged through an existing conveyance to the Menomonee River, and was formerly used and permitted under the non-contact cooling water general permit for WE Energies Milwaukee County Power Plant operations (FID 241027050).

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Melanie Burns, 1027 W St Paul Ave, Milwaukee, WI, 53233, (414) 373-8523, Melanie.Burns@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Jacob Van Susteren-Wedeky, 1027 W St Paul Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53233, (414) 239-1480, jacob.vansusterenwedeky@wisconsin.gov

Proposed Modification: The data collected from the detention pond outlet, before the effluent reaches the receiving water, is below the level of detection and the limit of 38 µg/L as a daily maximum and monthly average. Therefore, the compliance schedule and limits are recommended to be removed from the permit. Because the limits have not become effective yet, antidegradation requirements per ch. NR 207, Wis. Adm. Code do not apply.

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

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 (414) 373-8523 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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