

**STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PUBLIC NOTICE OF
INTENT TO REISSUE WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM
(WPDES) GENERAL PERMIT NO: WI-S050075-4 AND WPDES GENERAL PERMIT NO. WI-
S050181-1**

Permittees (WPDES Permit No. WI-S050075-4): To access the list of affected permittees, go to: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/publicnotices.html> and search for the permit. The list of the affected permittees is on the associated Fact Sheet for permit WI-S050075-4.

Prospective Applicants (WPDES Permit No. WI-S050181-2): To access the list of affected permittees, go to: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/publicnotices.html> and search for the permit. The list of the affected permittees is on the associated Fact Sheet for permit WI-S050181-2. This public notice does not represent a final determination with regard to the municipalities the Department will request apply for coverage under Permit No. WI-S050181-2.

Permitted Activity: Discharges from municipal separate storm sewer systems (MS4s).

Receiving Waters and Locations: Waters of the State of Wisconsin.

Department of Natural Resources Determination: The Department has made a preliminary determination to reissue WPDES Permits No. WI-S050075-4 and WPDES Permit No. WI-S050181-2. Requirements and conditions to protect the waters of the state in accordance with applicable state statutes and administrative codes are included in the proposed general permits.

Nature of Discharges Covered by the Permit: The proposed general permits contain the requirements set forth under ch. NR 216, Wis. Adm. Code, and the developed urban area performance standard specified in ch. NR 151, Wis. Adm. Code. The proposed general permits apply to discharges to waters of the state from MS4s throughout the state of Wisconsin.

General Permit Description (WPDES Permit No. WI-S050075-4): Currently, storm water discharges to waters of the state from 174 MS4s are covered under the MS4 general permit, Permit No. WI-S050075-3-1, which expired on April 30, 2024. The Department proposes to cover the current 174 existing MS4 permittees under Permit No. WI-S050075-4 after it is reissued. The MS4 general permit requires a regulated municipality to reduce pollutants that discharge through its MS4 to waters of the state via the development, implementation, and maintenance of programs for public education and outreach, public involvement and participation, illicit discharge detection and

elimination, construction site pollutant control, post-construction pollutant control, pollution prevention at its municipal operations, and meeting the developed urban area performance standard under ch. NR 151, Wis. Adm. Code. In addition, the general permit requires the development and updating of a storm sewer system map and an annual report to the Department. Furthermore, the proposed general permit specifies the implementation requirements to make progress towards achieving an approved Total Maximum Daily Load, if applicable.

General Permit Description (WPDES Permit No. WI- S050181-2): This proposed general permit is intended to cover any newly designated MS4s that will be brought into the MS4 permit program and that are not currently covered under Permit No. WI-S050075-3-1. This public notice does not represent a final determination with regard to the municipalities that the Department will request apply for coverage under Permit No. WI-S050181-2.

Based on the most recent decennial U.S. census, the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) identifies municipalities nationally with a population of 10,000 or more people. These municipalities are listed by the USEPA as potentially requiring coverage under an MS4 permit pursuant to the Clean Water Act. USEPA allows states with an EPA-delegated MS4 permit program, such as Wisconsin, to determine which of the municipalities identified by USEPA require permit coverage. Accordingly, the Department utilizes the criteria outlined in subch. I of ch. NR 216, Wis. Adm. Code, to determine which municipalities it will cover under Permit No. WI-S050181-2.

The Department proposes to cover new municipalities under Permit No. WI-S050181-2 that it determines require coverage under an MS4 permit. The MS4 general permit requires a regulated municipality to reduce pollutants that discharge through its MS4 to waters of the state via the development, implementation, and maintenance of programs for public education and outreach, public involvement and participation, illicit discharge detection and elimination, construction site pollutant control, post-construction pollutant control, pollution prevention at its municipal operations and meeting the developed urban area performance standard under NR 151, Wis. Adm. Code. In addition, the proposed general permit requires the development of a storm sewer system map and updates as necessary, and the submittal of an annual report to the Department. Furthermore, the proposed general permit specifies the implementation requirements to make progress towards complying with any approved Total Maximum Daily Load(s), if applicable.

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Submitting Comments: Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed general permits, may write to the Department at the 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 general permits. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the general permits are reissued.

The Department pursuant to Section 283.49, Wis. Stats., has scheduled the public informational hearing below to give interested persons an opportunity to make a statement with respect to the proposed reissuance of the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer permit. There will be a public informational hearing will be both virtual and in person to allow attendance from throughout the state. The hearing will be held on September 1, 2026 at 10am for WI-S050075-4 and 1pm for WI-S050181-2 to coincide with the timeframe specified for public notice of the general permits. You may register for the WI-S050075-4 hearing here:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/IZ_McF9cRCaWC1PBLf1IPw and the WI-S050181-2 hearing here:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/80aPNjgSGu6etxQLj1cQA> or attend in person at GEF II in Room G09, 101 S. Webster St., Madison, WI 53703.

The hearing officer will conduct the hearing in an orderly fashion and will use procedures specified in subch. II of ch. NR 203, Wis. Adm. Code, necessary to ensure broad public participation in the hearing. The hearing officer will open the hearing and make a concise statement of the scope and purpose of the hearing and shall state what procedures will be use during the course of the hearing. The hearing officer shall explain the method of notification of the final decision to reissue the general permits and the methods by which the decision may be reviewed in a public adjudicatory hearing.

The hearing officer may place limits on individual oral statements to ensure an opportunity for all persons present to make statements in a reasonable period of time and to prevent undue repetition. The hearing officer may also limit the number of representatives making oral statements on behalf of any person or group. Oral statements shall be directed through the hearing officer. Cross-examination shall not be allowed.

Additional Information: The proposed general permits and associated fact sheets are available via the Department's website by going to:
<https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/publicnotices.html>. In addition, copies of the proposed general permits and factsheets may be obtained by contacting the Permit Drafter indicated above. Reasonable costs will be charged for copies of information in the file other than the public notice, permits, and fact sheets. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made available to qualified individuals upon request.