STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0022136-11-0

Permittee: Village of Maine, 6111 North 44th Ave, Wausau, WI, 54401

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Maine Wastewater Treatment Facility, 090 Everest Ave., Brokaw, WI

Receiving Water And Location: Wisconsin River in Lower Eau Claire (Marathon Co.) River Watershed of Central Wisconsin River Basin in Marathon County

Brief Facility Description: The Maine Wastewater Treatment Facility treats domestic wastewater from the Village of Maine and the Village of Brokaw. It has an annual average design flow of 0.036 million gallons per day (MGD) and treated an average of 0.026 MGD in 2025.
Preliminary treatment consists of coarse bar screening. Secondary wastewater treatment is via an activated sludge process. Following secondary biological treatment, the wastewater is discharged to a final clarifier where solids are settled out prior to discharge of the effluent to the Wisconsin River. Sludge is hauled to the Village of Rib Mountain Metro Sewerage WWTP where it is further treated under their own WPDES permit. The wastewater treatment plant was shut down from September 2022 to April 2024 but then restarted discharge in May 2024. From start up, Maine has not accepted hauled waste.
Significant effluent limit and/or monitoring changes in this permit term are as follows: 1) removal of the copper effluent limit however monthly monitoring continues, 2) addition of a phosphorus effluent mass limit that is part of the Wisconsin River Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) allotment for the facility, and 3) and PFAS sludge sampling has been included in the WPDES permit pursuant to ss. NR 214.18(5)(b) and NR 204.06(2)(b)9., Wis. Adm. Code to quantitate risk. The first sample for PFAS and PFOA + PFOS is required to be between 01/01/2027 - 06/30/2027 to meet the requirements of the PFAS General Permit (WI-0012345-1).

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Angela Parkhurst, 1300 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI, 54701, (715) 839-3836, Angela.Parkhurst@wisconsin.gov

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The Department has tentatively decided that the above-specified WPDES permit should be 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 (715) 839-3836 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.