

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0029467-11-0

Permittee: City of Niagara, 1029 Roosevelt Rd. P.O. Box 24, Niagara, WI, 54151

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Niagara Wastewater Treatment Facility, 2309 Sherman Street, Niagara, Wisconsin

Receiving Water And Location: Menominee River in Pemebonwon and Middle Menominee Rivers Watershed of Green Bay River Basin in Marinette County

Brief Facility Description: Treatment facilities include a rotary self-cleaning mechanical screen, grit removal, a single primary clarifier, a pair of rotating biological contactors (RBC's), a single final clarifier, disinfection using chlorine and dechlorination using sulfur dioxide gas prior to discharge. Phosphorus removal is accomplished by precipitation with ferric chloride and a polymer is added as needed to aid settling. Effluent is discharged on a continuous basis via Outfall 001 to the southeast bank of the Menominee River, approx. 5,600 ft downstream of the Little Quinnesec Dam. Sludge is stabilized by anaerobic digestion prior to land application to approved agricultural fields. The system was constructed in 1974 with dechlorination added in 1990.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Ashley Clark, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI, 54313, (920) 857-0450, AshleyM.Clark@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.

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 (920) 857-0450 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.