STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0060879-10-0

Permittee: Northern Moraine Utility Commission, BOX 217, Glenbeulah, WI, 53023

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Northern Moraine Utility Commission, N7025 County Trunk P

Receiving Water And Location: Groundwaters of the Mullet River Watershed (SH05) in the Sheboygan River Basin in Sheboygan County.

Brief Facility Description: Northern Moraine Utility Commission (NMUC) is a regional wastewater treatment facility that serves the Villages of Elkhart Lake and Glenbeulah, the Towns of Rhine and Plymouth SD#1, and Greenbush SD with a combined total population of approximately 2,760. The annual average design flow of the treatment plant is 0.476 million gallons per day (MGD) with an actual annual average flow of 0.342 MGD over the past three years (2023 – 2025). The plant consists of a flow equalization tank, grit removal, fine belt screens, a Multi-Stage Activated Biological Process (MSABP), which is an attached growth step biological treatment process, and final clarification. The effluent is discharged to three absorption ponds surrounded by groundwater monitoring wells. Sludge is aerobically digested and stored in a storage tank before land application to Department approved agricultural fields. NMUC has approximately 475 days of sludge storage onsite.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Marissa Fleege, 1027 W St Paul Ave, Milwaukee, WI, 53233, (414) 750-0815, Marissa.Fleege@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Curtis Nickels, 1155 Pilgrim Road, Plymouth, WI 53073, (920) 893-8530, Curtis.Nickels@wisconsin.gov

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

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) 228-9475 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.