STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0022870-10-1

Permittee: City of Oconto Falls, 500 N Chestnut St, PO Box 70, Oconto Falls, WI 54154-0070

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Oconto Falls WWTF, 290 South Maple St, Oconto Falls, WI

Receiving Water And Location: Oconto River, Lat 44° 52' 08" / Long 88° 08' 34"

Brief Facility Description: The City of Oconto Falls operates a trickling filter/solids contact wastewater treatment facility that was designed for an average daily flow of 0.62 MGD. Incoming flow arrives by either gravity or 5 lift stations within the collection system and then goes through a fine screening system, a pista grit removal chamber, and clarigester, a primary clarifier on top of a digester. The primary effluent is then diverted into the two trickling filters and flows into a small coarse air aerated contact stabilization tank. Mixed liquor then flows to the center of a final clarifier and ferric chloride is used to help with phosphorus removal. Mixed liquor suspended solids settles out and the effluent is disinfected via Ultraviolet (UV) system on a seasonal basis. Waste sludge is pumped back to the clarigester where it settles out into the digester portion, and is gradually pumped out of the digester and into a sludge storage tank until sludge is either land applied or hauled to another facility for treatment.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Sarah Donoughe, DNR, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727, (920) 366-6076, Sarah.Donoughe@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Laura Gerold, DNR, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727, (920) 366-6728, laura.gerold@wisconsin.gov

Proposed Modification: The permit modification is proposed to reduce the effluent PFOS/PFOA sampling frequency from 1/ 2 months to annual, after a review of submitted data, pursuant to s. NR 205.066, Wis. Adm. Code.

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 (920) 366-6076 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.