

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0025011-10-0

Permittee: City of Omro, P.O. Box 399, Omro, WI, 54963-0399

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Omro Wastewater Treatment Facility, 720 Hawthorne Drive, Omro, Wisconsin

Receiving Water And Location: Upper Fox River in Fox River Watershed of Upper Fox River Basin in Winnebago County

Brief Facility Description: The City of Omro operates an extended aeration activated sludge plant. Wastewater enters the plant and is then screened by a Lakeside fine screen. Wastewater is then collected in a wet well and pumped to an aerated grit removal chamber. Flow is then directed to an aeration basin with fine bubble diffusers and then flows to two covered final clarifiers. Phosphorus removal is accomplished with the addition of alum and ferric chloride. Alum is added at the outlet of the aerated grit chamber and ferric chloride is added at the outlet of the aeration tanks prior to final clarification. Following the clarifiers, effluent is disinfected by UV light and then enters a canal adjacent to the plant which is connected to the Fox River.

Sludge is aerobically digested; gravity thickened and hauled off site by a contractor to the contractor's off-site storage facility. A contractor currently performs land application of sludge.

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: Mark Stanek, 625 E County Road Y, Suite 700, Oshkosh, WI 54901, (920) 808-0670, Mark.Stanek@wisconsin.gov

The Department has 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.