

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0036811-07-0

Permittee: Onion River Wastewater Commission, P O Box 247, Hingham, WI, 53031

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Onion River Wastewater Commission, W 4311 Water Street, Lima, WI

Receiving Water And Location: Onion River (Onion River Watershed, Sheboygan River Basin) in Sheboygan County

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: The Onion River Wastewater Commission (ORWWC) operates a wastewater treatment facility with a 100,000 gpd design flow and serves a population of approximately 1,267 people with no significant industrial loading. The treatment plant processes wastewater from the Hingham Sanitary District and the Village of Adell. Influent wastewater passes through a bar screen and a fine screen and then through a centrifugal degritter. Wastewater is then pumped to two aeration ditches run in series. Aeration is provided by four individual sets of rotors that are run alternately as needed for proper aeration. Wastewater flows by gravity to a single clarifier where solids are settled out and pumped back to the oxidation ditch as RAS or to an aerobic digester as WAS. Effluent from the clarifier is disinfected by ultra-violet light. Biosolids are pumped to a 120,000 gallon sludge storage tank after digestion. There is an additional storage tank with 14,000 gallons of capacity if it is needed. The land application of sludge is contracted out and land applied on DNR approved sites.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Melanie Burns, 1027 W St Paul Ave, Milwaukee, WI, 53233, (414) 373-8523, Melanie.Burns@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.

Phosphorus Multi-Discharger Variance: The Department has determined that the permittee is eligible for a phosphorus multi-discharger variance (MDV) in accordance with s. 283.16, Wis. Stats. The MDV provides a time extension for the permittee to comply with the final water quality based effluent limits for phosphorus while contributing funds towards nonpoint pollution control projects to reduce phosphorus. Comments on this determination are requested and additional supporting documentation and data are available upon request.

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 (414) 373-8523 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.

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