

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL HEARING AND INTENT TO ISSUE WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) GENERAL PERMIT NO. WI-0012345-01-0

General Permit Name: PFAS Monitoring for Sewage Sludge (Biosolids) Generators (WI-0012345-01-0)

Receiving Water and Location: Receiving waters are not affected by this general permit. This permit covers sewage sludge generators that discharge sewage sludge within the state of Wisconsin.

Brief Description of Facilities Covered under the General Permit: This permit is applicable to sewage sludge generators that do not have perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl (PFAS) conditions in the sewage sludge generator's WPDES individual permit (IP).

Proposed Permit Overview: This is a new general permit generated in response to 2025 ACT 201 enacted April 6, 2026, which created s. 283.82(4), Wis. Stats. The new statute requirements direct the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (department) to issue WPDES permits requiring PFAS monitoring conditions for sewage sludge. To ensure all sewage sludge generators have PFAS monitoring requirements in a WPDES, supplemental general permit coverage shall be issued to all permittees that do not have limits or conditions on PFAS substances in a WPDES IP.

Sample frequency requirements are determined by the type and size of the sewage sludge generator. Sewage sludge sampling, testing procedures, and reporting requirements are included in the general permit. If a sample result for perfluorooctanoic acid (PFOA) and perfluorooctanesulfonic acid (PFOS) combined is greater than 20 µg/kg the sewage sludge generator's WPDES IP will be scheduled for modification prior to reissuance to include PFAS monitoring and conditions.

A sewage sludge generator is no longer eligible for coverage under this general permit upon modification or reissuance of the generator's WPDES IP to include PFAS monitoring and conditions. When all sewage sludge generators' WPDES IPs have been modified or reissued this general permit will be terminated.

Note: For specific details and information, please see the permit fact sheet.

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

Comment Submittal Address: Attention – Stephen Warnner, PFAS GP Comment, DNR, 1027 W. St. Paul Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53233, phone: 414-897-5771 or email: DNRWYPFASSludgeMonitoring@wisconsin.gov

Virtual Hearing Date and Time: Tuesday, June 9, 2026 from 2p.m. to 3p.m.

Remote Connection for public participation:

Zoom Virtual Participation: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/52CWKoRyTAqz4nsHxOH7Ag>

Meeting ID: 862 5696 6821

Zoom Conference Call Line: +13052241968

If participating via conference call, participants will be prompted to enter the Meeting ID: 86256966821

Zoon join instructions <https://us02web.zoom.us/join/86256966821?signature=p10YV8mfflafVC-1AUhwhblZE92paYIFeKUdJy5d0mQ>

For questions on how to connect remotely please contact: Jennifer Hilgendorf, DNR, 101 S. Webster St. PO Box 7921, Madison, WI, 53707-7921, Jennifer.hilgendorf@wisconsin.gov

Hearing Officer, Name, Address, City/State/Zip, and Phone: Alixandra Burke, DNR, 101 S. Webster St. PO Box 7921, Madison, WI, 53707-7921, (608)419-8888, Alixandraj.burke@wisconsin.gov

The Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to s. 283.49, Wis. Stats, has scheduled for the time and place listed above, a public hearing for the purpose of giving all interested persons an opportunity to make a statement with respect to the above announced new permit.

A hearing officer will conduct the hearing in an orderly and speedy way and will use procedures specified in Subchapter II of ch. NR 203, Wis. Adm. Code, necessary to insure broad public participation in the hearing.

The hearing officer will open the hearing and make a concise statement of the scope and purpose of the hearing and shall state what procedures will be used during the course of the hearing. The hearing officer shall explain the method of notification of the final decision to grant or deny the permit and the methods by which the decision may be reviewed in a public adjudicatory hearing.

The hearing officer may put limits on individual oral statements to ensure an opportunity for all persons present to make statements in a reasonable period of time and to prevent undue repetition. The hearing officer may also limit the number of representatives making oral statements on behalf of any person or group.

Informational and clarifying questions and oral statements shall be directed through the hearing officer. Cross-examination shall not be allowed.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit(s) action may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the Comment Submittal 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.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permits and fact sheets may be reviewed on the internet at <http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Information on this permit may also be obtained by writing the department or by calling or emailing the above-named permit drafter. 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.