

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0063011-05-0

Permittee: Pukall Lumber Company, Inc., 10894 Hwy 70E, Arbor Vitae, WI, 54568-9705

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Pukall Lumber Company Inc, 10894 Highway 70 East, Arbor Vitae, Wisconsin

Receiving Water And Location: Groundwater of the Upper Tomahawk River Watershed in the Upper Wisconsin River Basin in Vilas County

Brief Facility Description: Pukall Lumber Company Inc. has a lumber sawmill and retail store in Arbor Vitae. Unprocessed logs are stockpiled on the company property adjacent to County Highway 70. To prevent the logs from drying out before they can be milled, they are sprayed with water from groundwater wells when the temperatures are warm in the spring, summer, and fall. Wood debris from the logs and solids from the log yard are washed into a holding pond located behind the sawmill stacker building next to the log yard. The wastewater in this holding pond can either drain into the soil or go through the culverts that lead to a second holding pond. The second holding pond is located on the north side of Highway 70 E, directly in front of the log yard. All of the culverts contain screening to prevent bark and wood debris from passing through. The holding pond located on the north side of Highway 70 E has an additional concrete wall that includes more screening to contain and control bark and wood debris from passing through the culvert under Highway 70 E. From here the discharge flows under the highway into a wetland.

The Department has tentatively decided that the above-specified WPDES permit should be reissued. Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Sheri A. Snowbank, DNR, 810 W Maple St, Spooner, WI, 54801, (715) 635-4131, Sheri.Snowbank@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Brooke Klingbeil, DNR, 225051 Rib Mtn Dr, Wausau, WI 54401, (715) 495-1336, brooke.klingbeil@wisconsin.gov

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 (715) 635-4131 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.