

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0031348-10-1

Permittee: VILLAGE OF RIDGEWAY, 206 Kirby St, Ridgeway, WI, 53582

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Ridgeway Wastewater Treatment Facility, CTH "H", NWQ, SEQ, SEC 14, T6N, R4E, RIDGEWAY TWP, RIDGEWAY, WISCONSIN

Receiving Water and Location: Smith-Conley Creek, headwaters of Smith-Conley Creek.

Brief Facility Description: The Village of Ridgeway operates a wastewater treatment facility that serves a population of approximately 690 residents with no major industrial contributors. Treatment consists of a mechanical bar screen to an oxidation ditch (activated sludge) and final clarifier. Treated effluent then enters a contact tank for seasonal chlorination and de-chlorination prior to discharge to Smith-Conley Creek. Sludge that is produced is stored on site prior to being land applied on Department approved sites. The village is pursuing facility upgrades to the treatment plant. Improvements include addition of mechanical fine screens, UV disinfection, new activated sludge treatment, biosolids dewatering, and chemical phosphorus removal.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Sean Spencer, DNR, 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd, Fitchburg, WI, 53711, (608) 275-7775, Sean.Spencer@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Nathan Wells, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711, (608) 716-9965, Nathan.Wells@wisconsin.gov

Proposed Modification: Removal of effluent flow monitoring and Total Residual Chlorine monitoring requirements/limits. Addition of influent flow monitoring.

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, 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) 275-7775 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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Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be reviewed on the internet at the above web link or may be inspected and copied at the permit drafter's office during office hours. Information on this permit may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter 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. 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.