STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL HEARING AND INTENT TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0028835-10-4

Permittee: Village of Roberts, Village Hall, Roberts, WI, 54023

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Roberts Wastewater Treatment Facility, 750 Highway 65, Roberts, WI

Receiving Water and Location: The East Basin of Twin Lakes located in the Kinnickinnic River Watershed of the St. Croix River Basin (NW ⅓ of SE ⅓ of Section 28, T29N, R18W, Warren Township (Lat: 44.96991 / Lon: 92.56497) in St. Croix County

Brief Facility Description: The Roberts Wastewater Treatment Facility has an annual average design flow rate of 0.465 million gallons per day (MGD) and had an actual annual average flow rate of 0.104 MGD in 2021. Treatment consists of fine screening, grit removal, a sequencing batch reactor, phosphorus removal using chemical (alum) addition, and final clarification. Sludge from conventional wastewater treatment processes is hauled for treatment and disposal. The permittee upgraded their treatment facility with an Advanced Biological Nutrient Removal treatment system to meet lower total phosphorus limits. Treated effluent is pumped to a photo bioreactor where algae remove phosphorus and nitrogen from the effluent and then through a membrane unit to separate the algae. The algae is dewatered in a centrifuge and heat dried into a Class A algae cake sludge that is sold and hauled offsite for beneficial reuse.

Permit Drafter’s Name, Address, Phone and Email: Phillip Spranger, DNR, 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd, Fitchburg, WI, 53711, (608) 516-3700, Phillip.Spranger@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer’s Name, Address, Phone and Email: Adebowale Adesanwo, 890 Spruce Street, Baldwin, WI 54002, (715) 684-2914, adebowale.adesanwo@wisconsin.gov

Proposed Modification: The permittee requested a permit modification to add a sludge sample point/outfall for distribution of Class A Dried Algae Biosolids. This permit modification is to add sludge sample point 011 for dried algae treatment process monitoring and sludge outfall 004 for the distribution of Class A dried algae cake sludge. The standard requirements section of the modified permit was updated and interim phosphorus limitations removed. Compliance schedules were removed as the required actions in the schedules have been completed.

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

Hearing Date, Time, and Location: Wednesday, July 20, 2022 12:00 PM-2:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82596644900

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Hearing Officer, Name, Address, City/State/Zip, and Phone: Phillip Spranger, DNR, 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd, Fitchburg, WI, 53711, (608) 516-3700, Phillip.Spranger@wisconsin.gov

The Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to Section 283.49, Wisconsin Statutes, 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 permit action for this existing discharge.

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 insure 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 action are invited to do so by attending the public hearing or by submitting any comments or objections in writing to the Department of Natural Resources, at the above named permit drafter’s address. All comments or suggestions received from members of the public no later than 7 days following the date of this public hearing will be used, along with other information on file and testimony presented at the hearing, in making a final determination. 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.

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) 516-3700 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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