STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0022802-09-0

Permittee: Rockland Sanitary District No 1, PO Box 26, Collins, WI, 54207

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Rockland Sanitary District No 1 WWTF, 20023 CTH JJ, Collins, WI 54207

Receiving Water and Location: An effluent ditch tributary to Mud Creek in the Lower Manitowoc River Watershed of the Manitowoc River Drainage Basin of the Lake Michigan Basin in Manitowoc County (SE ¼ of SE ¼ of Section 27, T19N R21E, Town of Rockland, Manitowoc County. Outfall 001 – Lat: 44.08077º / Lon: 87.96827º W).

Brief Facility Description: Rockland Sanitary District No 1 treats wastewater from the unincorporated community of Collins. The facility has an annual average design flow of 0.025 million gallons per day (MGD) with actual flows of 0.017 MGD over the past three years. Raw wastewater is pumped from a lift station through a force main to the primary lagoon and then flows to the secondary lagoon for treatment prior to discharge to the receiving water.

Summary of Proposed Changes Influent monitoring frequencies for BOD₃ and total suspended solids (TSS) have been increased from 2/Month to Weekly. Effluent monitoring frequencies have been adjusted as follows: BOD₃ and TSS – 2/Month to Weekly; dissolved oxygen and pH – Weekly to 5/Week; Ammonia – Weekly to 2/Week; and chloride – Monthly to 4/Month. Effluent sample type changed from Grab to 24-Hr Flow Prop Comp, effective July 1, 2023 for most parameters. Weekly and monthly average ammonia limits and the months that limits are effective have, in several cases, been revised. The permittee previously had a chloride variance and no longer needs a variance this permit term. Weekly and monthly average concentration limits of 400 mg/L, and mass limits of 83.4 lbs/day during dry weather conditions and 367 lbs/day during wet weather conditions have been included. Chloride limits are effective July 1, 2023. The permittee has been approved for a Multi-discharger Variance (MDV) for phosphorus. An interim phosphorus limit of 2.7 mg/L as a monthly average applies on the permit effective date and a schedule is included that requires compliance with a phosphorus MDV interim limit of 1.0 mg/L as a monthly average by July 1, 2024. The permittee is required to report the total amount of phosphorus discharged in lbs/month and lbs/year. The permittee will make payment(s) to county(s) March 1 each year that the county(s) will use to fund watershed projects designed to reduce the amount of phosphorus discharged by non-point sources. Annual monitoring for total nitrogen parameters in rotating quarters is required. Monthly monitoring of maximum effluent temperature is required in calendar year 2025.

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Basin Engineer’s Name, Address, Phone and Email: Trevor Moen, DNR, 625 E County Road Y, Suite 700, Oshkosh, WI 54901, (920) 410-5192, Trevor.Moen@wisconsin.gov

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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) 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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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.