

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0060534-10-0

Permittee: SAUK PRAIRIE SEWERAGE COMMISSION, 335 Galena Street, Prairie du Sac, WI, 53578

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Sauk Prairie Sewerage Commission WWTF, 1400 SOUTH WATER STREET, SAUK CITY, WISCONSIN

Receiving Water And Location: SE ¼ of NE ¼, Section 14 & NW ¼ & SW ¼ of NW ¼, Section 13, T9N R6E. Groundwater of the Lower Wisconsin River Basin (Honey Creek Watershed, LW16 – Lower Wisconsin River Basin) and the Wisconsin River in Sauk County.

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: The Sauk Prairie Sewerage Commission serves the Villages of Sauk City and Prairie du Sac with a combined population of approximately 8,300 residents with three industrial contributors. Treatment consists of two aerated lagoons, using both surface and subsurface aerators, followed by an effluent holding/settling pond. Treated effluent is discharged to one of seven seepage cells. The facility is designed to treat an average of 822,000 gallons per day of domestic, commercial, and industrial wastewater. It presently receives 520,000 gallons per day and discharges 550,000 gallons per day. Four groundwater monitoring wells are sampled quarterly to evaluate groundwater quality. The seepage cells are located approximately 200 – 800 feet north of the Wisconsin River. Lagoon sludge was removed from the settling pond and aeration pond 1 in 2018, and from aeration pond 2 in 2019.

After a desk top review of all discharge monitoring reports, land application reports, compliance schedule items, and a site visit on December 15, 2023, this facility has been found to be in substantial compliance with their current permit.

Monitoring for CBOD5, Dissolved Oxygen, and Phosphorus has been added to the Land Treatment effluent monitoring requirements.

Monitoring for BOD5, Total Suspended Solids, and Dissolved Oxygen has been added to the Groundwater monitoring requirements. The PALs, ES, and/or ACL have been updated for the following parameters: Nitrite + Nitrate, Nitrogen, Chloride, pH, Organic Nitrogen, and Total Dissolved Solids.

Monitoring for List 2 Nutrients, Radium-226, and PFAS have been added to the Land Application monitoring requirements.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: BetsyJo Howe, 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd, Fitchburg, WI, 53711, (608) 419-4155, Betsyjo.Howe@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Tanner Connors, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711, (608) 575-6891, Tanner.Connors@wisconsin.gov

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

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 (608) 419-4155 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.

NAME AND ADDRESS OF PUBLISHING NEWSPAPER: Sauk Prairie Eagle, 714 Matts Ferry Rd, Baraboo, WI, 53913-3152

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