

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO TERMINATE WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) GENERAL PERMIT NO. WI-0059137-04-0

General Permit Name: Short Duration Discharge (WI-0059137-04-0)

Receiving Water and Location: Point source discharges to the surface waters or groundwater in the state of Wisconsin.

Brief Description of Facilities Covered under the General Permit: This general permit is applicable to discharges that occur infrequently and are relatively short in duration and may not be applicable under another general permit that are discharged to surface waters or indirectly to groundwaters via seepage. The discharges may not occur for more than 90 consecutive days and may not occur in consecutive years. The current permit can be found on the Wastewater General Permits webpage here: <https://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/GeneralPermits.html>.

Permit Drafter: Trevor J. Moen, DNR, 625 E County Rd Y STE 700, Oshkosh WI 54904-9731, phone: (920) 424-7883 or email: Trevor.Moen@Wisconsin.gov

Reason for Termination: The Department has determined that many of the wastewater discharges applicable under the Short-Duration Discharge General Permit may be eligible and more appropriately covered under another WPDES general permit or individual permit. Following the public notice period and final determination to terminate the permit, any discharger that may be eligible under the Short Duration Discharge General Permit will be required to apply for coverage under another WPDES general permit or individual permit.

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

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 permit drafter's address. Currently, DNR staff are working remotely and have very limited access to US mail. To ensure comments are received, the Department recommends that all comments be sent via email to the permit drafter listed in this notice. 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 terminated as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule an 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 permit, fact sheet and notice of intent, is accessible via e-mail by contacting the above-named permit drafter's e-mail address during normal business hours Monday through Friday (except holidays). Note that DNR staff have limited access to permit hard copy files during this time as they are working from home, but much of the permit file is available electronically by e-mail request. 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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