

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0061301-07-1

Permittee: Silver Lake Sanitary District, PO Box 357, Wautoma, WI, 54982-0357

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Silver Lake Sanitary District, SEQ NEQ Sec 24 T18N R10E

Receiving Water And Location: White River in White River Watershed of Fox River (upper) Basin in Waushara County

Brief Facility Description: Silver Lake Sanitary District (SD) owns an oxidation ditch-type wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) in Waushara County, providing service to the Silver Lake SD and the City of Wautoma. The WWTF has an annual average design flow of 1.025 MGD. The WWTF includes fine screening, grit removal, a four-ring oxidation ditch, four secondary clarifiers, aerobic digester, gravity belt thickener, sludge storage and a septage receiving station. Seasonal disinfection is accomplished with ultraviolet lights. Ammonia and phosphorous are removed with biological treatment. The final effluent is discharged to the White River. Sludge is aerobically digested and stored on-site until it is land applied on WDNR approved agricultural sites. The facility generates approximately 79 dry US tons of sludge annually.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Holly Heldstab, 1300 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI, 54701, (715) 492-0483, Holly.Heldstab@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Jenna Monahan, 1300 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54701, (715) 492-4323, jenna.monahan@wisconsin.gov

Proposed Modification: The permit modification is to remove the compliance schedule originally included in error that allowed the permittee seven years to reach compliance with the phosphorus TMDL limits. The permittee can meet the limits therefore the schedule was given in error. Other changes made during this permit modification: 1) the formula for determining percent exceedance for the E coli permit limit in section 2.2.1.1 was corrected, 2) surface water section "PFOS/PFOA Minimization Plan Determination if Need" was deleted from the surface water section, and instead included as compliance schedule with due dates for the two reports, 3) the due date for the Land Application Management plan was extended from 04/01/2026 to 08/01/2026, 4) the language was removed in surface water section WET testing section 2.2.1.8 that required the permittee continue annual WET testing if the permit were to not get reissuance on time.

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

Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Land application of waste shall be done in accordance with permit conditions and applicable codes. All land application sites shall be approved prior to their use. To receive a list of approved sites, or to be notified of potential approvals, contact the above-named basin engineer.

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 (715) 492-0483 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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