

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0021571-10-1

Permittee: Village of Dorchester, Village Hall, Dorchester, WI, 54425

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Dorchester Wastewater Treatment Facility, 3rd Avenue, Dorchester, WI

Receiving Water And Location: Unnamed Creek 14-10, a tributary to the North Fork of the Popple River, located in the Popple River Watershed of the Black River Basin in Clark County

Brief Facility Description: The Dorchester Wastewater Treatment Facility treats domestic wastewater from the Village of Dorchester. The facility has an annual average influent design flow of 0.128 million gallon per day (MGD) and had an actual annual influent flow of 0.095 MGD in 2025. Treatment is via a five-celled aerated lagoon type system. Chemical phosphorus treatment via ferric chloride is added in the manhole prior to Pond 5.

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 Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701, (715) 492-4323, jenna.monahan@wisconsin.gov

Proposed Modification: Pursuant to an agreement to settle a permit challenge, the permittee was granted a compliance schedule to meet the lower, nonvariance effluent limits for total suspended solids (TSS) at Outfall 001. Therefore, the variance limits that were in the previous permit term (10 mg/L weekly and monthly average effective in June and 60 monthly average effective July – May) were added into this permit and are effective until the lower, nonvariance TSS limits (30 mg/L daily maximum and 20 mg/L monthly average) become effective on 10/01/2029, per the associated compliance schedule. Areas where there are changes to the permit and fact sheet are highlighted in grey.

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.