

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0060763-10-0

Permittee: VILLAGE OF LONE ROCK, P O Box 78, Lone Rock, WI, 53556

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Lone Rock Wastewater Treatment Facility, SWQ, NWQ, SEC 12, T8N, R2E, BUENA VISTA TWP, LONE ROCK, WISCONSIN

Receiving Water And Location: Groundwaters of the Lower Wisconsin River Basin and via an indirect discharge to Cruson Slough (Bear Creek, LW14) in Richland County. SW ¼ of NW ¼ of Section 12, T8N, R2E, Buena Vista Township

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: Lone Rock Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) consists of two aerated lagoons operated in series followed by an effluent holding pond, with treated effluent discharged to a rotation through four distinct areas between two, one-acre seepage cells. Four groundwater monitoring well surround the site and are monitored quarterly. The seepage cell discharge is considered an indirect surface water discharge due to groundwater flow direction and the proximity of the seepage cells to the adjacent Cruson Slough. See the Water Quality Based Effluent Limitation for Lone Rock Wastewater Treatment Facility, dated May 20, 2025, and Groundwater Evaluation, dated July 11, 2025, for more information.

Lone Rock WWTF commenced a set of planned facility improvements in 2025, including removal of legacy sludge, a new headworks and control building with influent screening and septic tank, replacement of the aeration systems in both lagoons, installation of new baffle walls, replacement of process piping and control structures, and installation of new effluent distribution headers and pipe supports to the seepage cells. The upgrades are expected to be completed by 2027.

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: Jordan Main, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711, (608) 535-0368, jordan.main@wisconsin.gov

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

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 (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.

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