STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0024961-10-0

Permittee: Village of Norwalk, P O Box 230, Norwalk, WI, 54648-0230

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Norwalk Wastewater Treatment Facility, 509 Wisconsin St., Norwalk, WI

Receiving Water And Location: Moore Creek in Upper Kickapoo River Watershed of Lower Wisconsin River Basin in Monroe County

Brief Facility Description: The Norwalk Wastewater Treatment Facility treats domestic wastewater from the Village of Norwalk. The design flow of the facility is 0.138 million gallons per day (MGD). The actual annual average effluent flow in 2025 was 0.032 MGD. Treatment of the wastewater occurs via comminution, primary clarification, trickling filter, intermediate clarification, extended aeration activated sludge, final clarification, chlorine disinfection and de-chlorination. Ferric chloride is added for phosphorus removal. Sludge generated in primary clarification and excess biomass sludge from final clarification are treated in an aerobic and/or anaerobic digestor. Sludge from both the anaerobic digester and the aerobic digester is transferred to the sludge storage tank. Decant from the sludge storage tank is sent back to the head of the plant. Sludge from sludge storage tank is currently hauled to another permitted facility, however they can also land apply sludge. During the last permit term the permittee removed their sludge drying beds. The Department approved the water quality trading (WQT) plan (WQT-2026-0008) submitted by the permittee as a way to demonstrate compliance with water quality based effluent limits (WQBELs) for total phosphorus. The plan provides calculations and a table that shows the amount of phosphorus credits that will be available each year. See specific sections of the fact sheet for details on limitation and monitoring changes for this permit term.

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: Logan Rubeck, 1300 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54701, (715) 450-5967, logan.rubeck@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 (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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