

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0022811-11-0

Permittee: Village of Pepin, PO Box 277, Pepin, WI, 54759

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Pepin Wastewater Treatment Facility, 100 1st Street, Pepin, WI

Receiving Water And Location: Mississippi River (Lake Pepin) in the Rush River Watershed of the Lower Chippewa River Basin in Pepin County

Brief Facility Description: The Village of Pepin owns and operates the Pepin Wastewater Treatment Facility, which has an annual average design flow of 0.099 million gallons per day (MGD). The actual annual average influent flow in 2024 was 0.05 MGD. Preliminary treatment consists of a mechanical fine screen and a manual bar screen. The wastewater treatment process consists of an equalization/anaerobic selector tank, two activated sludge aeration basins, and final clarification. Wastewater is disinfected seasonally via ultraviolet light prior to discharge to the Mississippi River (Lake Pepin). This permit authorizes the use of trading as a tool to demonstrate compliance with the phosphorus water quality based effluent limits. The permittee has entered into a credit purchase agreement with the water quality trading Clearinghouse pursuant to s. 283.84(1)(f), Wis. Stats. This permit includes terms and conditions related to the Credit Verification Package CVP-2025-03 submitted by the water quality trading Clearinghouse. Sludge is treated via aerobic digestion and then shipped to the West Central Wisconsin Biosolids Facility (WCWBF). See specific sections of the fact sheet for information on monitoring and limitation 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: Adebawale Adesanwo, 1300 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI 54701, (715) 492-4047, adebowale.adesanwo@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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