

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0021920-11-1

Permittee: City of Viroqua, City Hall 124 Decker St, Viroqua, WI 54665

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Viroqua Wastewater Treatment Facility, 1315 CTH B, Viroqua, WI

Receiving Water And Location: unnamed tributary to the Springville Branch of the Bad Axe River, in the Bad Axe River Watershed of the Bad Axe / La Crosse Rivers Basin located in Vernon County

Brief Facility Description: The City of Viroqua owns and operates an activated sludge type wastewater treatment facility and has an annual average design flow of 0.535 MGD. Wastewater treatment includes fine screening, primary clarification, conventional activated sludge process, biological phosphorus removal, and ultraviolet disinfection prior to discharge from Outfall 005. During high flow events, any flow greater than 2 MGD is discharged from Outfall 001. An equalization (EQ) pond is used to store influent flow during wet weather events, and if needed excess flow is pumped from the EQ pond, around secondary biological treatment, and rejoins treated flow prior to seasonal UV disinfection. This flow is regulated as "blending" under s. NR 210.12, Wis. Adm. Code. Sludge from primary and secondary clarifiers is sent to a Dissolved Air Flotation unit (DAF) for sludge thickening and anaerobic digestion, and UV disinfection prior to being land applied on approved agricultural fields.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Sarah Donoughe, DNR, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727, (920) 366-6076, Sarah.Donoughe@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Katherine Jerzak, DNR, 1300 W Clairemont Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701, (715) 491-0207, katherine.jerzak@wisconsin.gov

Proposed Modification: The permit modification is proposed to reduce the effluent PFOS/PFOA sampling frequency from 1/ 2 months to annual, after a review of submitted data, pursuant to s. NR 205.066, Wis. Adm. Code.

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

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 (920) 366-6076 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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