

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0031461-09-0

Permittee: Walworth County Metro, 975 W. Walworth Ave, Delavan, WI, 53115

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Walworth County Metro, 975 W Walworth Ave

Receiving Water And Location: Turtle Creek (Turtle Creek Watershed, Lower Rock River Basin) in Walworth County

Brief Facility Description: The Walworth County Metropolitan Sewerage District (WalCoMet) serves a population of approximately 27,200 from nearby municipalities and private developments. WalCoMet also receives waste from 14 industrial users, 4 of which are significant industrial users. The facility was upgraded in 2009, which increased the average annual design flow from 5.75 MGD to 7.0 MGD. Wastewater enters the treatment facility via three force mains. Preliminary treatment includes biofilter media odor control with the option to add iron salts at the headworks, fine screening, rag removal, and grit removal by a piston grit system. There are four primary clarifiers, five aeration basins, five secondary clarifiers, and six sand filter cells that provide tertiary filtration. Ferric chloride is added to the aeration basins for phosphorus removal. Ultraviolet light is used to meet fecal coliform limits from May-September. Waste sludge is thickened with a rotary drum thickener and anaerobically digested. Biosolids are stored onsite and offsite until applied to agricultural sites approved by the Department. The Department has found the facility to be in substantial compliance with the current permit.

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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) 228-9475 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.