

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0030881-10-0

Permittee: CITY OF WATERLOO, 575 Commercial Ave, Waterloo, WI, 53594

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Waterloo Wastewater Treatment Facility, 401 Hendricks St, Waterloo, WI 53594

Receiving Water And Location: Mauneshia River in Mauneshia River Watershed of Upper Rock River Basin in Jefferson County

Brief Facility Description: The Waterloo Wastewater Treatment Facility accepts wastes from both the City of Waterloo and the Portland Sanitary District 1. The facility consists of influent screening, grit removal and dewatering, biological phosphorus removal, activated sludge, final clarification, tertiary disk filtration (previously sand filters), and UV disinfection. Facility also provides supplemental Alum addition for phosphorus removal. Solids treatment consists of aerobic sludge digestion and sludge storage followed by dewatering via screw press before being hauled off by a contractor.

The facility completed an upgrade in January 2026. The upgrade primarily addressed the aging system, increased flows to the plant, planned for growth over the next 20 years, and addressed total phosphorus and total suspended solid limits. The discharge location did not change.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Jennifer Jerich, DNR, Mailing address: Lisa Creegan, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI, 53711 (920) 450-4078, Jennifer.Jerich@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Ashley Brechlin, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711, (608) 438-9930, ashley.brechlin@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 (920) 450-4078 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.