

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0022462-10-2

Permittee: Village of Wilton, 400 East St, Suite 103, Wilton, WI, 54670

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Wilton Wastewater Treatment Facility, 1106 Water St, Wilton, WI 54670

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

Brief Facility Description: The Wilton Wastewater Treatment Facility treats domestic wastewater from the Village of Wilton. The annual average design flow is 0.057 MGD and the actual annual average effluent flow Jan 2023 – May 2024 was 0.029 MGD. Treatment consists of an aerated lagoon system with vertical screening device, two lagoon cells (2 aerated), and chlorination/de-chlorination for disinfection. Discharge occurs on a seasonally intermittent fill-and-draw basis.

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

Proposed Modification: This permit modification adds the monitoring requirements necessary for the permittee to desludge the lagoons and land apply the sludge on Department approved fields. This includes the addition of List 1, 2, 3 and 4 monitoring requirements needed prior to land application, as well as PFAS sludge monitoring. PFAS sludge sampling has been included in the permit to quantitate the risk pursuant to ss. NR 214.18(5)(b) and NR 204.06(2)(b)9., Wis. Adm. Code. A schedule has also been included that requires the permittee submit a land application management plan prior to land application. Any standard language updates since the 2020 reissuance have also been incorporated into the Standard Requirements Section 5 of the permit.

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

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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