

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0021938-10-1

Permittee: Village of Winneconne, P O Box 650, Winneconne, WI, 54986

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Winneconne Wastewater Treatment Facility, 300 Washington Street, Winneconne, Wisconsin

Receiving Water And Location: Wolf River in the Pine and Willow Rivers Watershed in the Wolf River Basin in Winnebago County located in the NW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 21, T19N, R15E, Winneconne Township at approximately Lat: 44.10415° N and Lon: 88.71215° W

Brief Facility Description: The Village of Winneconne Wastewater Treatment Facility has an annual average design flow of 0.777 million gallons per day (MGD) with actual flows averaging 0.431 MGD during the current permit term. Wastewater is collected from the Village of Winneconne and the Town of Winneconne Sanitary District #3 and receives preliminary treatment (screening and grit removal), followed by biological treatment in two compact, package activated sludge plants with aeration basins and a single final clarifier. The plant also operates a selector section which is primarily used for filamentous growth control. Ferric chloride is used for phosphorus removal. Secondary effluent is disinfected on a seasonal basis prior to discharge to the Wolf River via Outfall 001. Biosolids are aerobically digested, dewatered with a screw press, stored on-site in a concrete building prior to land application on approved DNR sites.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Sarah Donoughe, DNR, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727, (920) 662-5148, Sarah.Donoughe@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Barti Oumarou, DNR, 625 E Cty Rd Y, Ste 700, Oshkosh, WI 54901, (920) 424-4013, Barti.Oumarou@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) 662-5148 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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