

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0060089-11-0

Permittee: Village of Winter, PO Box 277, Winter, WI, 54896

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Winter Wastewater Treatment Facility, Lagoon Rd, Winter, Wisconsin

Receiving Water And Location: Groundwater in Weirgor Creek and Brunet River Watershed of Chippewa River (upper) Drainage Basin in Sawyer County

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: The Village of Winter owns and operates a domestic wastewater treatment system. The plant designed to treat 80,000 gallons per day currently treats an average of 42,000 gallons per day. The system consists of two stabilization ponds operated in series. In each pond naturally occurring bacteria already in the wastewater treat the waste stream by metabolizing and reducing the organic matter. From the ponds the treated water (effluent) is discharged generally each fall to two seepage cells. Spring discharges are also permitted according to their approved land management plan. The sandy soil in the bottom of the seepage further treats the effluent as it percolates through the soil eventually reaching groundwater. There are four monitoring wells located around the seepage cells to assess any groundwater impacts of the discharge.

It is the Department's intention to renew the permit for another term. The proposed new permit expiration date will be March 31, 2030. Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Changes from the previous permit include: [1] Based on groundwater background the preventative action limits (PAL) for pH, organic nitrogen and total dissolved solids have been adjusted. [2] The sludge will be sampled for PFAS once during the permit term. [3] Schedules to verify the top of the groundwater well casing is needed, an updated land management plan and sludge management plan are required.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Sheri A. Snowbank, DNR, 810 W Maple St, Spooner, WI, 54801, (715) 635-4131, Sheri.Snowbank@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Arthur Ryzak, DNR, N4103 Highway 27, Ladysmith, WI 54848, (715) 403-2924, arthur.ryzak@wisconsin.gov

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) 635-4131 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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