

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0066605-02-0

Permittee: Wisconsin Dunes LLC, 875 N Michigan Ave, Chicago, IL, 60611

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Sand Valley Clubhouse & Lodges POWTS, 1697 Leopold Way, Nekoosa, WI 54457

Receiving Water And Location: the groundwaters of the Wisconsin Rapids Watershed in the Upper Wisconsin River Basin, in Adams County, WI

Brief Facility Description: Wisconsin Dunes LLC. owns and operates a private on-site wastewater treatment system (POWTS) at the Sand Valley Clubhouse and Lodges facility in Nekoosa, WI. The annual average design flow of the POWTS at Outfall 001 is 0.035 MGD and is 450 gpd at Outfall 002. The permittee estimates that the actual annual average daily discharge at Outfall 001 has been far lower than the design flow however, at approximately 0.0045 MGD. Actual flow rates will be determined in this permit term, as a flow measuring device is to be installed per the associated compliance schedule.

The wastewater treatment system consists of a 38,000 gallon settling (septic) tank to remove heavier solids, followed by a 38,000 gallon equalization tank. From the equalization tank, the wastewater is sent with restricted, timed flow and dosing into the 38,000 gallon advanced pretreatment tank, a Fixed Activated Sludge Treatment (FAST) system for biological, aerobic treatment of the wastewater. From the FAST treatment the wastewater is further treated in a 10,000 gallon polishing tank prior to entering an 18,000 gallon dosing tank, where the wastewater is dispersed out to the seven subsurface soil infiltration zones (aka, drain fields). Final treatment of the wastewater occurs via chemical and biological means as it moves through the soil column. Solids from the septic tanks are removed on a regular basis and hauled by a licensed septage hauler for disposal.

A new restroom building will be constructed near hole no. 3 on the Commons Golf Course and an additional POWTS will be added at that location to provide wastewater treatment. The new POWTS will be an in-ground, gravity type system that utilizes an 1,100 gallon septic tank and soil absorption field with a design flow of 450 gallons per day. Solids are separated in the septic tanks. The new POWTS will be located within 1,500 feet of the existing POWTS serving the Sand Valley Club House and is regulated as Outfall 002 under this permit. Solids from the septic tank will be removed on a regular basis and hauled by a licensed septage hauler for disposal.

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

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.