

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0028444-11-0

Permittee: Village of Wittenberg, P O Box 331, Wittenberg, WI, 54499

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Wittenberg Wastewater Treatment Facility, 1000 Mohawk Rd., Wittenberg, Wisconsin

Receiving Water And Location: Embarrass River, Middle Branch in Middle & South Branches Embarrass River of Wolf River in Shawano County

Brief Facility Description: The Wittenberg Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) utilizes an aerated lagoon system. Influent wastewater is pumped through a mechanically cleaned bar screen and then through two aerated lagoons operated in series. Each has a floating cover with fine-bubble diffusers. Wastewater proceeds to a settling pond with quiescent conditions which allows for settling. Alum is added into the third lagoon for phosphorus removal. Wastewater is then disinfected seasonally via ultraviolet light during May – September. Following disinfection, treated wastewater is sent to one of three sand filter beds prior to being discharged on a continuous basis via Outfall 002 to the south bank of the Middle Branch Embarrass River, approximately. 1,300 ft east of USH 45 South where river flows adjacent to CTH Q.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Ashley Clark, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI, 54313, (920) 857-0450, Ashley.Clark@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Brooke Klingbeil, 225051 Rib Mtn Dr, Wausau, WI 54401, (715) 495-1336, brooke.klingbeil@wisconsin.gov

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 (920) 857-0450 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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