

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0029688-10-4

Permittee: Village of Wonewoc, 121 West Colvin St, Wonewoc, WI, 53968

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Wonewoc Wastewater Treatment Facility, 121 W Colvin St, Wonewoc, WI 53968

Receiving Water And Location: the Baraboo River in the Crossman Creek/Little Baraboo River watershed of the Lower Wisconsin River Drainage Basin located in Juneau County

Brief Facility Description: The Village of Wonewoc owns and operates a wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) with secondary treatment capability for treating domestic wastewater. The current, preupgrade, facility has an annual average design flow of 0.142 million gallons per day (MGD). The preupgrade WWTF has influent fine screening, primary clarification, rotating biological contactors (RBCs), final clarification and aerobic digestion. Effluent is currently disinfected seasonally via chlorination prior to discharge to the Baraboo River. Wonewoc is upgrading their WWTF by building a new WWTF approximately 0.2 miles west of the current WWTF, across the Baraboo River. This permit modification is to add the limitation and monitoring requirements for the new, upgraded WWTF. The effluent outfall to the Baraboo River is approximately 300 yards upstream from the current discharge location, therefore the discharge is considered an existing discharge. The newly constructed (postupgrade) wastewater treatment system involves fine screening, an extended aeration activated sludge package plant and final clarification. Prior to final clarification, ferric chloride will be added for phosphorus removal. In addition, the package plant is capable of biological phosphorus removal. Effluent will be disinfected via ultraviolet light prior to discharge to the Baraboo River. At the current, preupgrade facility sludge removed from the primary and secondary clarifier is treated in an aerobic digester. At the new, postupgrade WWTF sludge will be removed from the clarifier and treated in an aerobic digester prior to storage in a covered tank. Digested sludge is and will be hauled by United Liquid Waste (ULW) and landspread on ULW's approved sites.

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: Tanner Connors, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711, (608) 575-6891, Tanner.Connors@wisconsin.gov

Proposed Modification: This permit modification is to add the limitation and monitoring requirements for the new, upgraded WWTF.

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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