Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System /State Disposal System (NPDES/SDS) Permit Program Fact Sheet

Permittee: Alexandria Lake Area Sanitary District
2201 Nevada Street Southwest
Alexandria, MN 56308
Facility Name: Alexandria Lake Area Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment Facility
2201 Nevada Street Southwest
Alexandria, MN 56308
Permit Number: MN0040738

Current Permit Expiration: May 31, 2011

Public Comment Period Begins: December 17, 2012
Period Ends: January 16, 2013

Receiving Water: Lake Winona, Class 2B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 Water

Proposed Action: Permit Reissuance

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Purpose and Participation

Applicable Statutes
This fact sheet has been prepared according to the Title 40 Federal Code of Regulations (CFR) 124.8 and 124.56 and Minn. R. 7001.0100, Subp. 3 in regards to a draft NPDES/SDS permit to construct and/or operate wastewater treatment facilities and to discharge into waters of the State of Minnesota.

Purpose
This fact sheet outlines the principal issues related to the preparation of this draft permit and documents the decisions that were made in the determination of the effluent limitations and conditions of this permit.

Public Participation
You may submit written comments on the terms of the draft permit or on the Commissioner's preliminary determination. Your written comments must include the following:

1. A statement of your interest in the permit application or the draft permit.
2. A statement of the action you wish the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) to take, including specific references to sections of the draft permit that you believe should be changed.
3. The reasons supporting your position, stated with sufficient specificity as to allow the Commissioner to investigate the merits of your position.

You may also request that the MPCA Commissioner hold a public informational meeting. A public informational meeting is an informal meeting which the MPCA may hold to help clarify and resolve issues.

In accordance with Minn. R. 7000.0650 and Minn. R. 7001.0110, your petition requesting a public informational meeting must identify the matter of concern and must include the following: items 1 through 3 identified above; a statement of the reasons the MPCA should hold the meeting; and the issues you would like the MPCA to address at the meeting.

In addition, you may submit a petition for a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a formal hearing before an administrative law judge. Your petition requesting a contested case hearing must include a statement of reasons or proposed findings supporting the MPCA decision to hold a contested case hearing pursuant to the criteria identified in Minn. R. 7000.1900, subp. 1 and a statement of the issues proposed to be addressed by a contested case hearing and the specific relief requested. To the extent known, your petition should include a proposed list of witnesses to be presented at the hearing, a proposed list of publications, references or studies to be introduced at the hearing, and an estimate of time required for you to present the matter at hearing.

You must submit all comments, requests, and petitions during the public comment period identified on page 1 of this notice. All written comments, requests, and petitions received during the public comment period will be considered in the final decisions regarding the permit and will be included in the record for this matter. If the MPCA does not receive any written comments, requests, or petitions during the public comment period, the Commissioner or other MPCA staff as authorized by the Commissioner, will make the final decision concerning the draft permit. During the public comment period, however, you

may request that the draft permit be presented to the MPCA's Citizens' Board (Board) for final decision. You may participate in the activities of the Board as provided in Minn. R. 7000.0650.

Comments, petitions, and/or requests must be submitted by the last day of the public comment period to:

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The permit will be reissued if the MPCA determines that the proposed Permittee or Permittees will, with respect to the facility or activity to be permitted, comply or undertake a schedule to achieve compliance with all applicable state and federal pollution control statutes and rules administered by the MPCA and the conditions of the permit and that all applicable requirements of Minn. Stat. ch. 116D and the rules promulgated thereunder have been fulfilled.

More detail on all requirements placed on the facility may be found in the Permit document.

Facility Description

Background Information

Facility Location

The Alexandria Lake Area Sanitary District Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility) is located in the SW 1/4 and NW 1/4 of Section 25, Township 128 North, Range 38 West, La Grand Township, Douglas County, Minnesota. The Facility is located on the western edge of Alexandria, MN.

Outfall Location

The outfall (Station SD001) for the Facility is also located in the NW 1/4 of Section 25, Township 128 North, Range 38 West, La Grand Township, Douglas County, Minnesota. The outfall pipe is on the northern edge of the Facility property and at the southern edge of Lake Winona.