



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

STATE OF MINNESOTA

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INDUSTRIAL DIVISION PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE

STATE DISPOSAL SYSTEM (SDS) PERMIT MN0067342

Public Comment Period Begins: February 5, 2013
Public Comment Period Ends: March 7, 2013

Current Permit Issued: September 24, 2004
Current Permit Expiration Date: August 31, 2009

Name and Address of Permittee:

MinAqua Fisheries
PO Box 659
Renville, Minnesota 56284-0659

Facility Name and Location:

MinAqua Fisheries
1700 Park Avenue East
T115N, R36W, Section 4,
Emmet, Renville County, Minnesota

Receiving Water:

Description of Permitted Facility

MinAqua Fisheries was built in 1997, and has been in operation since October 1997 to the present. The MinAqua Fisheries (Facility) is located at Township 115 North Range 36 North in Section 4. The address of the Facility location is 1700 Park Avenue East, Renville County, in Renville Minnesota 56284. The principal activity for the Facility is the production of tilapia, a warm water fish species at an annual average of 1,830,000 pounds. Live fish are shipped to domestic and international markets (mostly in Canada) for human consumption.

Fresh water, for Facility production, is supplied by the Facility reusing their process water from their slurry pond after it has been treated for Total Suspended Solids and Phosphorus, but when needed the Facility can get their source water from either private wells or they can purchase water from the city of Renville. Wastewater from the Facility consists of water from fish production and transport areas.

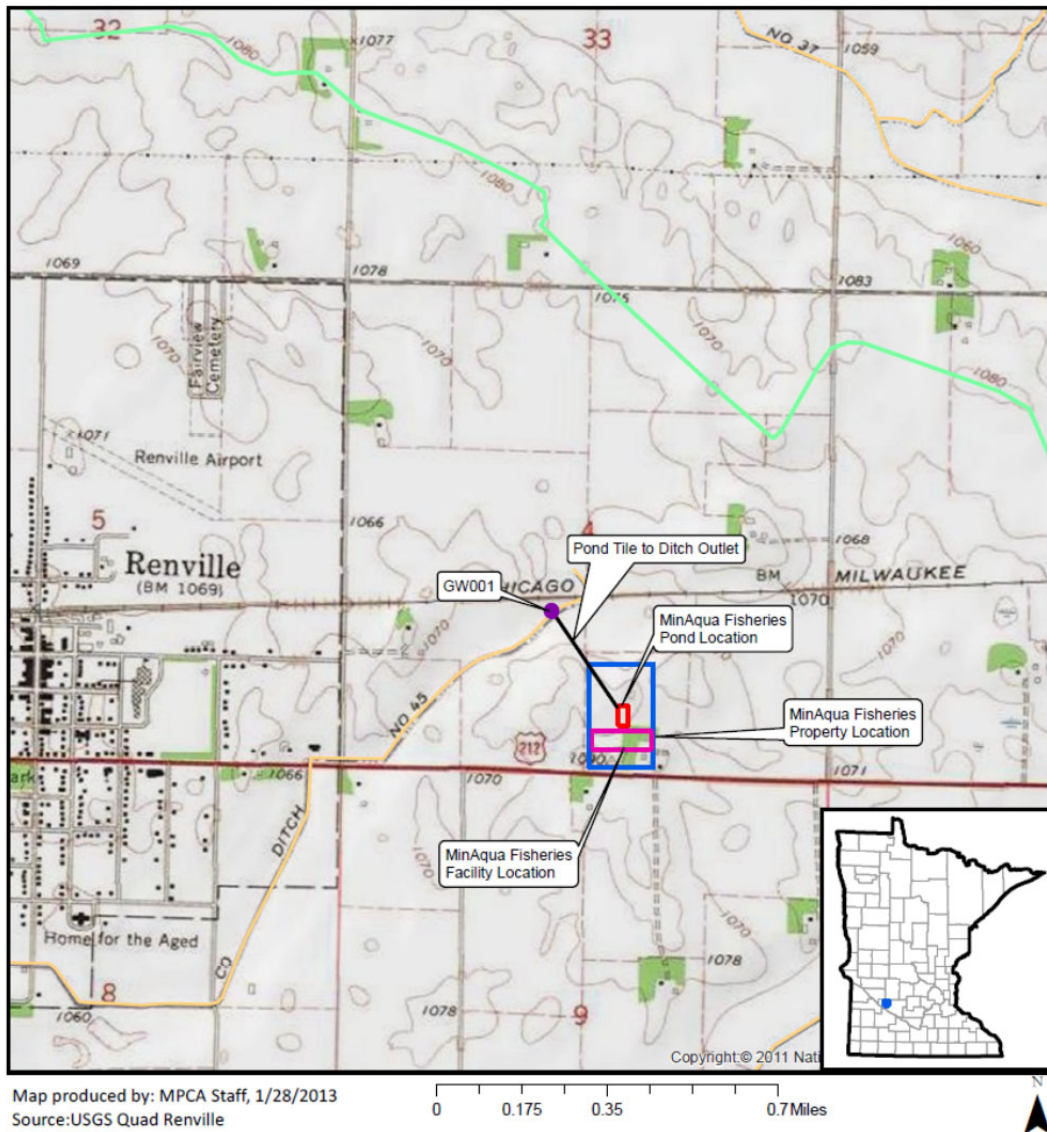
The process water from the Facility's pond is treated and then used in the Fish tanks. After the water is used in the fish tanks it is run through a sand filtration treatment then it flows through a micro-filtration system (using honeycomb media) which afterward it is transferred to the slurry pond outside the facility. After it has settled out the water in the pond is run through a treatment system where the water from the pond is treated for total

suspended solids and Phosphorus. The residual sludge from the filters is redirected to the slurry pond. The Facility is trying to become a no discharge self-reliant Facility, although it is still authorized to discharge to the city at a max of 190,000 gallons per day.

The location of the Facility is shown on the map below.

Topographic Map of Permitted Facility

MN0067342: MinAqua Fisheries
T115N, R36W, Section 4
Renville, Renville County, Minnesota



Preliminary Determination on the Draft Permit

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to reissue this SDS permit for a term of approximately five years.

A draft permit is available for review at the MPCA office at the St. Paul address listed below, at the Willmar regional office and on-line at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/data/index.cfm?PN=1>.

A copy of the draft permit will be mailed to you if the MPCA receives your written or oral request at this office. If you have questions about this draft permit or the Commissioner's preliminary determination, please contact Emma Ziebarth at 651-757-2445.

Written Comments

You may submit written comments on the conditions of the draft permit or on the Commissioner's preliminary determination.

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 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.

Petition for Public Informational Meeting

You also may request that the MPCA Commissioner hold a public informational meeting. A public informational meeting is an informal meeting that the MPCA may hold to solicit public comment and statements on matters before the MPCA, and to help clarify and resolve issues.

A petition requesting a public informational meeting must include the following information:

1. A statement identifying the matter of concern.
2. The information required under items 1 through 3 of "Written Comments," identified above.
3. A statement of the reasons the MPCA should hold a public informational meeting.
4. The issues that you would like the MPCA to address at the public informational meeting.

Petition for Contested Case Hearing

You also may submit a petition for a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a formal evidentiary hearing before an administrative law judge. In accordance with Minn. R. 7000.1900, the MPCA will grant a petition to hold a contested case hearing if it finds that: (1) there is a material issue of fact in dispute concerning the application or draft permit; (2) the MPCA has the jurisdiction to make a determination on the disputed material issue of fact; and (3) there is a reasonable basis underlying the disputed material issue of fact or facts such that the holding of the contested case hearing would allow the introduction of information that would aid the MPCA in resolving the disputed facts in making a final decision on the draft permit. A material issue of fact means a fact question, as distinguished from a policy question, whose resolution could have a direct bearing on a final MPCA decision.

A petition for a contested case hearing must include the following information:

1. A statement of reasons or proposed findings supporting the MPCA decision to hold a contested case hearing according to the criteria in Minn. R. 7000.1900, as discussed above.
2. A statement of the issues proposed to be addressed by a contested case hearing and the specific relief requested or resolution of the matter.

In addition and to the extent known, a petition for a contested case hearing should also include the following information:

1. A proposed list of prospective witnesses to be called, including experts, with a brief description of proposed testimony or summary of evidence to be presented at a contested case hearing.
2. A proposed list of publications, references, or studies to be introduced and relied upon at a contested case hearing.
3. An estimate of time required for you to present the matter at a contested case hearing.

MPCA Decision

You may submit a petition to the Commissioner requesting that the MPCA Citizens' Board (Board) consider the permit issuance. To be considered timely, the petition must be received by the MPCA by 4:30 p.m. on the date the public comment period ends, identified on page 1 of this notice. Under the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 116.02, subd. 6(4), the decision whether to issue the permit and, if so, under what terms will be presented to the Board for decision if: (1) the Commissioner grants the petition requesting the matter be presented to the Board; (2) one or more Board members request to hear the matter before the time the Commissioner makes a final decision on the permit; or (3) a timely request for a contested case hearing is pending. You may participate in the activities of the Board as provided in Minn. R. 7000.0650.

The written comments, requests, and petitions submitted on or before the last day of the public comment period will be considered in the final decision on this permit. If the MPCA does not receive written comments, requests, or petitions during the public comment period, MPCA staff as authorized by the Board, will make the final decision on the draft permit.

Comments, petitions, and/or requests must be submitted in writing on or before the end date of the public comment period identified on page 1 of this notice to:

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St. Paul MN 55155-4194