



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

STATE OF MINNESOTA

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INDUSTRIAL DIVISION

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE

NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)/

STATE DISPOSAL SYSTEM (SDS) PERMIT MN0060798

Public Comment Period Begins: March 6, 2013

Public Comment Period Ends: April 5, 2013

Current Permit Issued: April 20, 2007

Current Permit Expiration Date: March 31, 2012

Name and Address of Permittee:

Milton G Waldbaum Co
PO Box 1078
Gaylord, Minnesota 55334-1078

Facility Name and Location:

MG Waldbaum Co - Gaylord
120 Tower Street
T113N, R28W, Section 33,
Dryden, Sibley County, Minnesota

Receiving Water: Lateral Ditch C of County Ditch 55 (Class 7,3C,4A,4B,5,6 water)

Description of Permitted Facility

The MG Waldbaum Co - Gaylord facility (Facility) is located at T113N, R28W, Section 33, Dryden Township, Sibley County, Minnesota. The principal activity at this facility is the processing of eggs to produce precooked and aseptic carton egg products.

An on-site wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) is operated by the Permittee at their site near Gaylord. The activated sludge WWTF consists of a main lift station, approximately 2,000 feet of forcemain, a 600,000 gallon equalization tank with coarse bubble diffusers, four 600,000 gallon aeration basins with fine bubble diffusers, two 113,000 gallon (each) final clarifiers, chlorination and dechlorination facilities, a 2.2 million gallon waste solids storage tank, and approximately 3,000 feet of gravity outfall. The Permittee also maintains a 4.75 acre (pond bottom area) aerated (coarse bubble) pond and a 4.75 acre (pond bottom area) holding pond which are used in conjunction with the other WWTF components and are primarily used for surge and/or upset capacity.

Wastewater generated at the Facility consists of process and cleanup wastewater from the production processes, which is collected and co-mingled in the on-site wastewater treatment facility for treatment prior to discharge on a continuous basis at average and maximum rates of 0.55 and 0.599 million gallons per day (mgd), respectively, to Lateral Ditch C of County Ditch 55 (Class 7,3C,4A,4B,5,6 water) via surface discharge (SD) station 001. In the event of a major upset at the facility, or another event preventing surface water discharge via this outfall, the Facility is authorized to pre-treat this wastewater and discharge to the City of Gaylord Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) via 'WS002: Industrial Pretreatment Wastewater' in accordance with this permit, and the general pretreatment requirements of 40 CFR 403; discharges to the city of Gaylord WWTF are subject to local agreement and applicable regulations.

The facility currently also generates non-contact cooling water (NCCW), which is routed to the city of Gaylord WWTF for treatment; the water source for NCCW is the municipal water supply. Although not currently discharged with other wastewater, this permit authorizes the co-mingling and subsequent treatment and discharge of NCCW from the Facility's on-site system, in accordance with the terms and conditions of this permit. Sanitary wastewater from the Facility is routed to the city of Gaylord WWTF.

The following chemical additives may be used in the wastewater treatment facility:

Product Name	Purpose	Frequency	Maximum Rate of use
Chlorine gas	Disinfection	Continuously	10,000 lb/yr
Chlorinator Granular	Disinfection	1x/yr	50 lb/yr
Ferric Chloride	Phos removal	Continuously	45,000 gal/yr
Fremont 8286 Flocculant	Settling of solids	Continuously	3,500 gal/yr
Fremont 8333 Coagulant	WW treatment	1x/Quarter	100 gal/yr
Sulfur Dioxide	WW treatment	Continuously during summer (6 months)	3,600 lb/yr
Soda Ash	WW treatment	As needed	400 lb/yr
Potassium Permanganate	Odor control	As needed	1500 lb/yr at 5 mg/L
Sulfuric Acid	pH control	As needed	10,000 gal/yr

Solids generated in the wastewater management system (waste activated sludge) are periodically removed and land applied at agronomic rates during the cropping season at a rate of 20,000,000 gallons per year.

There are no industrial stormwater requirements contained in this permit, as the Facility has certified a condition of "no exposure" of stormwater to significant areas or activities. The no exposure exclusion, MNRNE34VR, is conditional. The facility must maintain a condition of no exposure at the facility in order for the no exposure exclusion to remain applicable.

Changes to facility and operation

The proposed expansion would increase the quantity of raw material processed from 450 tons/day to a maximum of 720 tons/day. The facility has constructed an additional production facility that will discharge to the existing wastewater treatment system. The increase in production will increase the wastewater treatment facility discharge to Lateral Ditch C of County Ditch 55 (Class 7, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water) at station SD001 to average and maximum rates of 0.550 and 0.599 mgd. This is an increase from the previously approved average and maximum rates of 0.40 and 0.55 mgd. The facility has retrofitted an existing 600,000 gallon tank into an equalization tank, which will manage the wastewater surges and maintain a steady flow through the wastewater treatment system.

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

Preliminary Determination on the Draft Permit

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to reissue this NPDES/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 Rochester 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 Emily Schnick at 651-757-2699.

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:

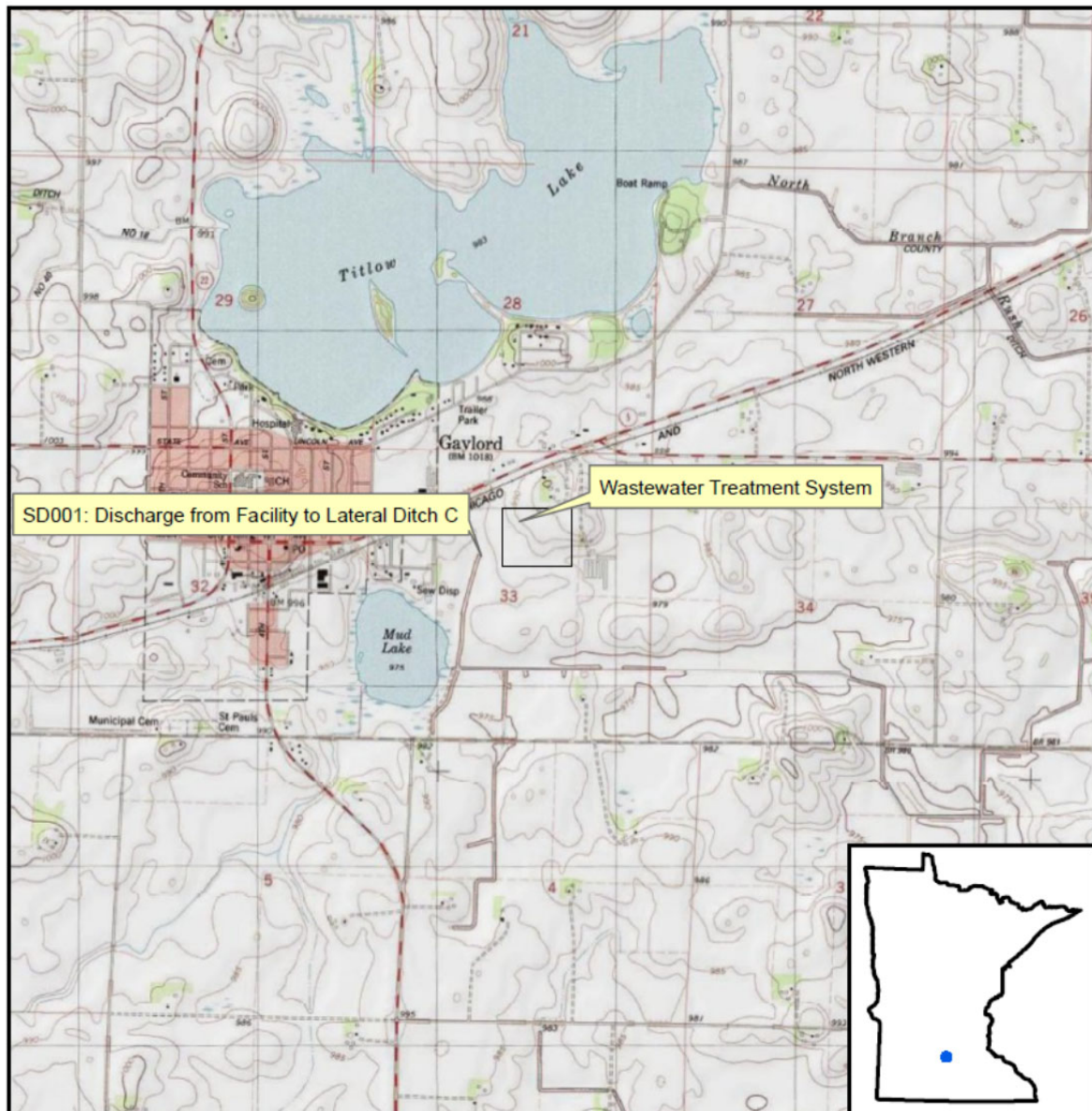
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Topographic Map of Permitted Facility

MN0060798: MG Waldbaum Gaylord

T113N, R28W, Section 33

Dryden Township, Sibley County, Minnesota



Map produced by: MPCA Staff, 06/28/2012

Source: USGS Gaylord Quad

Scale: 1:31,700

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