



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 MN0068764

Public Comment Period Begins: April 17, 2013
Public Comment Period Ends: May 17, 2013

Current Permit Issued: May 7, 2008
Current Permit Expiration Date: April 30, 2013

Name and Address of Permittee:

L.G. Everist, Inc
PO Box 5829
300 South Phillips Avenue, Suite 200
Sioux Falls, South Dakota 57117

Facility Name and Location:

L.G. Everist, Inc.
43966 County Highway 17
T121N, R46W, Section 26
Ortonville, Big Stone County, Minnesota

Receiving Water: Minnesota River (Class 2B,3B,3C,4A,4B,5,6 water)

Description of Permitted Facility:

The L.G. Everist, Inc. facility is located at SW 1/4 of Section 26, Township 121 North, Range 46 West, Ortonville, Big Stone County, Minnesota. The facility is a granite mining facility which mines, crushes, and processes granite for use in the aggregate industry. It produces an average of 13,000 tons per week and a maximum of 19,000 tons per week of granite for use as a product. Quarry operations include drilling and blasting of the granite, loading the material into haul trucks via front-end loader, and transporting the materials to the processing plant for washing and sizing by both crushing and screening. Sized material is then stockpiled for load-out into either truck or rail. The plant generally operates from March through October, and maintenance activities are generally done from November through February.

The discharge from the facility covered under this permit includes stormwater and wastewater from quarry dewatering. Quarry dewatering facilitates the quarry mining operations. Groundwater inflows that come into the quarry are collected in a small pond and then are pumped out of the quarry and discharged to the Minnesota River. The discharge from the quarry is currently an average rate of 200,000 gallons per day and a facility maximum rate of 480,000 gallons per day. Dewatering is generally done 10 hours per day from March through October. Dewatering is usually not needed during the winter months. At no time does any plant process or non-process water come into contact with any quarry dewatering activities.

In accordance with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) rules regarding nondegradation for all waters that are not Outstanding Resource Value Waters, nondegradation review is required for any new or expanded significant discharge (Minn. R. 7050.0185). A significant discharge is: (1) a new discharge (not in existence before January 1, 1988) that is greater than 200,000 gallons per day to any water other than a Class 7 water or (2) an expanded discharge that expands by greater than 200,000 gallons per day that discharges to any water other than a Class 7 water or (3) a new or expanded discharge containing any toxic pollutant at a mass loading rate likely to increase the concentration of the toxicant in the receiving water by greater than one percent over the baseline quality. The flow rate used to determine significance is the maximum daily flow. The January 1, 1988, maximum daily flow for this facility is 0.0 mgd.

This Permit also complies with Minn. R. 7053.0275 regarding anti-backsliding. Any point source discharger of sewage, industrial, or other wastes for which a NPDES permit has been issued by the MPCA that contains effluent limits more stringent than those that would be established by Minn. R. 77053.0215 to 7053.0265 shall continue to meet the effluent limits established by the permit, unless the permittee establishes that less stringent effluent limits are allowable pursuant to federal law, under section 402(o) of the Clean Water Act, United States code, title 33, section 1342.

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

Preliminary Determination on the Draft Permit

The 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 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 Terry Mader at 651-757-2543.

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 the Permitted Facility
MN0068764, L.G. Everist, Inc.
T121N, R46W, Section 26
Ortonville, Big Stone County, Minnesota



Map produced by MPCA Staff 1/7/2008
Source: USGS Ortonville, Odessa, Rosen and Bellingham Quads
Scale: 1:24,000

0 0.125 0.25 0.5 0.75 1 Miles

