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MUNICIPAL DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE
NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)/
STATE DISPOSAL SYSTEM (SDS) PERMIT MN0068713

Public Comment Period Begins:	April 24, 2012
Public Comment Period Ends:	May 24, 2012
Current Permit Issued:	July 19, 2007
Current Permit Expiration Date:	June 30, 2012

Name and Address of Permittee:
Meriden Township
7874 - 18th Street Southwest
Owatonna, Minnesota 55060

Facility Name and Location:
Meriden Township Wastewater Treatment Facility
7874 - 18th Street Southwest
T107N, R21W, Section 18,
Owatonna, Steele County, Minnesota

Receiving Water: Judicial Ditch #1 (Class 2B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 Water)

Description of Permitted Facility
The Meriden Township Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility) is located at the SE¼ of the NW¼ of Section 18, Township 107 North, Range 21 West, Meriden Township, Steele County, Minnesota. The application indicates that the existing treatment system consists of a two-cell stabilization pond system. The primary and secondary ponds each have surface areas of 1.26 acres, measured at mean depth. The pond system provides 203 days of storage with an average wet weather (AWW) design flow of 16,100 gallons per day (gpd), an average dry weather flow of 12,100 gpd, and is designed to treat a five-day biochemical oxygen demand loading of 27.4 pounds per day (lbs/day) and a total suspended solids loading of 32.2 lbs/day. The system has a controlled discharge (SD001) to Judicial Ditch #1 (Class 2B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water). A tile is located around the pond perimeter (GW001, formerly SD002), which collects groundwater and also discharges to Judicial Ditch #1. The location of the Facility is shown on the map on page 4 of this public notice.

In accordance with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 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 gpd to any water other than a Class 7 water or 2) an expanded discharge that expands by greater than 200,000 gpd 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 design AWW flow. The January 1, 1988, design AWW flow for this facility is 0 gpd.

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 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit has been issued by the MPCA that contains effluent limits more stringent than those that would be established by parts 7053.0215 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.

Preliminary Determination on the Draft Permit
The MPCA Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to reissue this NPDES / State Disposal System (SDS) Permit for a term of approximately five years.

A draft permit is available for review at the MPCA office at the Rochester address listed below, at the St. Paul office and on-line at http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/about-mpca/mpca-news/public-notices/public-notices.html.

A copy of the draft permit will be mailed to you if the MPCA receives your written or oral request at the Rochester office. If you have questions about this draft permit or the Commissioner's preliminary determination, please contact Nancy Heskett at 507-206-2605.

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