



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

STATE OF MINNESOTA

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MUNICIPAL DIVISION
PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE
STATE DISPOSAL SYSTEM (SDS) PERMIT MN0050342

Public Comment Period Begins: June 20, 2012
Public Comment Period Ends: July 20, 2012

Current Permit Issued: June 5, 2007
Current Permit Expiration Date: May 31, 2012

Name and Address of Permittee:

City of Bluffton
PO Box 66
Bluffton, MN 56518-0066

Facility Name and Location:

Bluffton Wastewater Treatment Facility
County Road 19 N
T135N, R36W, Section 29,
Bluffton Township, Otter Tail County, Minnesota

Description of Permitted Facility

The Bluffton Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility) is located in Section 29, Township 135 North, Range 36W, Bluffton Township, Otter Tail County, Minnesota. This is a Class D Facility. Major components of the Facility include:

- 1 Collection System with gravity and/or Pressure Sewer
- 1 Primary Stabilization Pond (2.5 acres)
- 1 Secondary Stabilization Pond (1.1 acres)
- 1 Spray Irrigation Site - agricultural (16 acres)

The current Facility was built in 1987 and no upgrades or changes have been made to the Facility since initial construction. The Facility consists of a gravity sewer, two lift stations, 9,260 feet of 8-inch sewer main, 6,880 feet of 6-inch force main, a two-cell stabilization pond system, pumping appurtenances, a 16-acre spray irrigation site, an effluent pump station and a traveling gun irrigation system.

The Facility is designed to treat an average wet weather flow of 18,625 gallons per day (gpd) with a 5-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD5) concentration of 343 milligrams per liter (mg/l) and a total suspended solids (TSS) concentration of 348 mg/l. The Facility discharges during controlled periods to the spray irrigation site from the stabilization pond system consisting of a 2.5-acre primary cell and a 1.1-acre secondary cell.

The disposal system is further described in a facility plan submitted by KBM, Inc., Grand Forks, North Dakota.

There are no bypasses or overflow points known to exist in the disposal system. There is no discharge to surface waters authorized by this permit.

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 SDS permit for a term of approximately five years.

A draft permit is available for review at the Detroit Lakes MPCA office at the address listed below and the St. Paul office at 520 Lafayette Road North, St. Paul, Minnesota 55155, and on-line at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/index.php/about-mpca/mpca-news/public-notice/public-notice.html>.

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 Denise Oakes at 218-846-8119.

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:

Denise Oakes, P.G.
Municipal Division
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
714 Lake Avenue, Suite 220
Detroit Lakes, Minnesota 56501

Topographic Map of Permitted Facility

MN0050342, Bluffton WWTF
T135N, R36W, Section 29
Bluffton Township, Otter Tail County, Minnesota



Map produced by: MPCA Staff, 6/8/12
Source: MNGeo Information Office
Scale: 1:10,000

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