



Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

STATE OF MINNESOTA

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MUNICIPAL DIVISION

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE

NATIONAL POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (NPDES)/ STATE DISPOSAL SYSTEM (SDS) PERMIT MN0020567

Public Comment Period Begins: November 13, 2012
Public Comment Period Ends: December 13, 2012

Current Permit Issued: January 17, 2008
Current Permit Expiration Date: December 31, 2012

Name and Address of Permittee:

City of Monticello
505 Walnut Street, Suite 1
Monticello, MN 55362

Facility Name and Location:

Monticello Wastewater Treatment Facility
1401 Hart Boulevard
T121N, R25W, Section 12, Monticello Township
Wright County, Minnesota

Receiving Water: Mississippi River - St. Cloud to Anoka (Class 1C, 2Bd, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 Water) [ORVW]

Description of Permitted Facility:

The Monticello Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility) is located in the SW ¼ of the SE ¼ of Section 12, Township 121 North, Range 25 West, Monticello Township, Wright County, Minnesota. This is a Class A Facility.

Major components of the Facility include:

Collection System with Gravity and/or Pressure Sewer
Mechanical Bar Screen and Grit Removal
3 Activated Sludge Units - conventional, sequencing batch reactors
Chlorination
Dechlorination
2 Anaerobic Digesters - complete mixed, heated - mesophilic
1 Dissolved Air Flotation Unit
Gravity Thickening
3 Biosolids Storage Tanks
Biosolids Land Application

The existing Facility consists of screening, grit removal, three wastewater pumps, three sequencing batch reactors with activated sludge for biological treatment, and chlorination/dechlorination equipment. Existing biosolids treatment consists of dissolved air floatation thickening, primary and secondary anaerobic sludge digestion and gravity belt thickening. Biosolids are stored in three storage tanks and are land applied. A carbon absorption filter controls odor from the headworks building. Odor from biosolids processing is controlled by a biofilter.

The Facility has a continuous discharge (SD001) to the Mississippi River (Class 1C, 2Bd, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 Water) and is designed to treat an average wet weather flow of 2,360,000 gallons per day (gpd) and an average dry weather flow of 1,790,000 gpd. The Facility is designed to treat wastewater with a 5-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand strength of 468 milligrams per liter.

There are no known bypass or overflow points known to exist at this Facility.

The Mississippi River (St. Cloud to Anoka) was designated an Outstanding Resource Value Water (ORVW) on November 5, 1984. The design average wet weather flow of this facility on the date of ORVW designation is 1,200,000 gpd.

In accordance with MPCA rules regarding nondegradation for ORVWs, nondegradation review is required for any new or expanded discharge (Minn. R. 7050.0180). A new discharge is a discharge that was not in existence on the effective date the ORVW was designated as described in Minn. R. 7050.0460 and 7050.0470. An expanded discharge is a discharge that changes in volume, quality, location, or any other manner after the effective date the outstanding resource value water was designated as described in Minn. R. 7050.0460 and 7050.0470, such that an increased loading of one or more pollutants results. Any change that results in an increased mass loading of one or more pollutants is subject to nondegradation review in accordance with Minn. R. 7050.0180.

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 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.

The location of the Facility is shown on the map on page 5.

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 and fact sheet are available for review at the MPCA office at the Detroit Lakes address listed below 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 and fact sheet 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 Holly Christensen at 218-846-8104.

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:

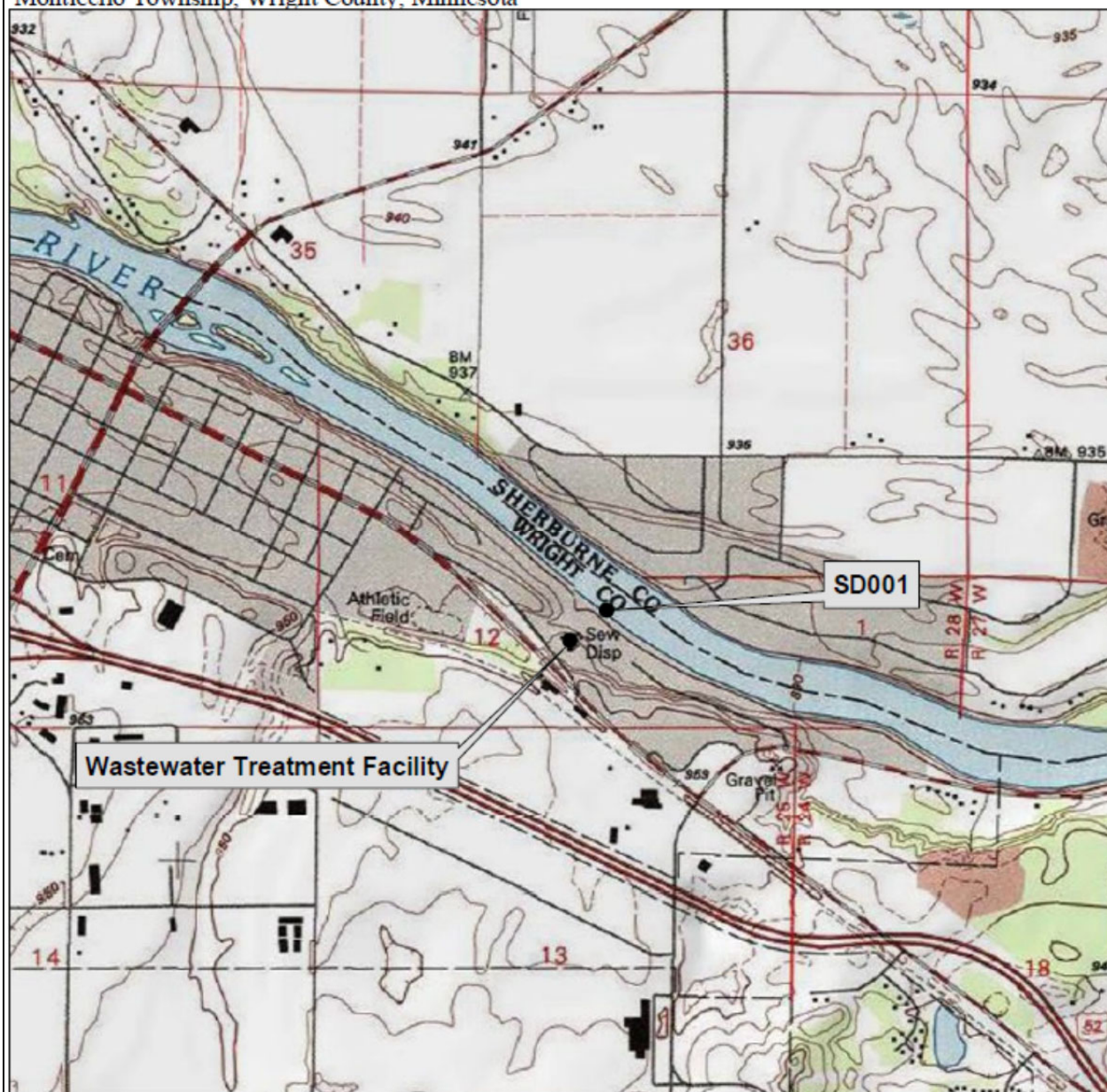
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Topographic Map of Permitted Facility

MN0020567, Monticello Wastewater Treatment Facility

SE 1/4 Section 12, T121N, R25W

Monticello Township, Wright County, Minnesota



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Source: USA Topo
Scale: 1:17,000

