

## General information

**Public comment period begins:** October 20, 2020  
**Public comment period ends:** December 21, 2020 (4:30 p.m.)  
**Current permit issued:** July 31, 2015  
**Current permit expiration date:** June 30, 2020  
**Current permit modification date:** July 20, 2018

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to reissue this permit for a term of five years.

**Name and address of Permittee:**

City of Hoyt Lakes  
206 Kennedy Memorial Dr  
Hoyt Lakes, MN 55750-1150

**Facility name and location:**

Hoyt Lakes Wastewater  
Treatment Plant  
100 Leeds Rd W  
Hoyt Lakes, MN 55750  
St. Louis County  
T058N, R14W, Section 017

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A draft permit is available for review on the MPCA Public Notices webpage at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publicnotices>. Additional materials relating to the issuance of this permit are available for inspection by appointment at any MPCA office (<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/about-mpca/mpca-offices>) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The MPCA will mail or email a copy of the draft permit upon request. Comments, petitions, and other requests must be received at the MPCA in writing on or before the public comment period end date and time identified above.

**Watershed:** St. Louis River

**Receiving water:** Whitewater - Class 2B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water

## Description of Hoyt Lakes Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Hoyt Lakes Wastewater Treatment Plant (Facility) is located at 100 Leeds Rd W, Hoyt Lakes, Minnesota 55750, St. Louis County. This is a class B facility.

The existing and proposed facilities have a continuous discharge (SD002) to Whitewater Lake (Class 2B, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 Water) then to the St. Louis River (Class 2B, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 Water). There are no designed bypasses in the disposal system.

The Facility is designed to treat:

An average wet weather (AWW) flow of 0.68 million gallons per day (MGD)  
An average dry weather (ADW) flow of 0.28 MGD  
A peak hourly wet weather (PHWW) flow of 2.86 MGD  
5-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD<sub>5</sub>) of 220 milligrams per liter (mg/L)

The application and plans indicate that the Facility consists of a 0.46 million gallon equalization basin, gravity grit chamber, a mechanical fine screen, a manual bar screen, two 50-foot diameter primary clarifiers, two 30-foot diameter plastic-media trickling filters, two 50-foot diameter final clarifiers, a chlorine contact basin, a dechlorination chamber that utilizes sulfur dioxide gas, four 10 by 12 foot dual media filters for mercury removal, and chemical phosphorus removal equipment complete the treatment system.

Biosolids at the Facility are treated by a single primary anaerobic digester followed by a secondary anaerobic digester, complete with gas collection facilities. The biosolids are subsequently land applied at eight disposal sites with a total of 97.5 acres.

The preliminary determination to reissue this Wastewater permit is tentative.

## Procedure for public participation

As stated in Minn. R. chs. 7000 and 7001, there are three formal procedures for public participation in the MPCA's consideration of this matter. Interested persons may:

- (1) Submit written comments on the draft permit.
- (2) Petition the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting.
- (3) Petition the MPCA to hold a contested case hearing.

## Submitting written comments

To submit comments or petitions to the MPCA through the mail or email, you must state:

- (1) Your interest in the permit application or the draft permit.
- (2) The action you wish the MPCA to take, including specific references to the section of the draft permit you believe should be changed.
- (3) The reasons supporting your position, stated with sufficient specificity as to allow the MPCA to investigate the merits of the position.

## Public informational meeting

A public informational meeting is an informal meeting during which interested persons can ask questions concerning the proposed facility. MPCA staff will be present to provide information. If an interested person would like the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting, the person should include all information identified above and in addition include a statement of the reasons the person desires the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting and the issues that the person would like the agency to address at the public informational meeting.

## Contested Case Hearing

A contested case hearing is a formal proceeding before an administrative law judge empowered to advise the MPCA regarding issues of fact. As described in Minn. R. 7000.1800, persons who submit petitions for a contested case hearing must also state the issues they propose to address in a contested case hearing, the specific relief requested or resolution of the matter, and the reasons (which may be in the form of proposed findings) supporting an MPCA decision to hold a contested case hearing. Failure to comply with these rules exactly may result in a denial of the request. To the extent known, the petitioner may also submit a list of prospective witnesses to be called at a hearing, a proposed list of publications, references, or studies to be introduced at a hearing and the approximate time required for the petitioner to present the matter at a hearing. The decision whether to hold a contested case hearing will be made under Minn. R. 7000.1900.