

## General information

**Public comment period begins:** June 11, 2021  
**Public comment period ends:** August 10, 2021 (4:30 p.m.)  
**Current permit issued:** August 30, 2013  
**Current permit expiration date:** July 31, 2018

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

**Name and address of Permittee:**

City of Moose Lake  
P.O. Box 870  
Moose Lake, MN 55767-0870

**Facility name and location:**

Moose Lake Wastewater Treatment  
Facility  
10 Earl Ellens Drive  
Moose Lake, MN 55767  
Carlton County  
T046N, R19W, Section 030

**MPCA contact person:**

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844-828-0942

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:** Kettle River

**Receiving water:** Unnamed ditch - Class 7, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water

## Description of Moose Lake Wastewater Treatment Facility

This is a Class D Facility.

The facility includes seven Primary Stabilization Ponds with a combined surface area of 53.97 acres and four Secondary Stabilization Ponds with a combined surface area of 30.2 acres.

The Facility has a controlled discharge (SD-005) to an unnamed ditch (Class 7 Water) which flows to the Moose Horn River (Class 2B, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 Water). The ponds are designed to treat an average wet weather flow of 0.495 million gallons per day (mgd), an average dry weather flow of 0.336 mgd and a five-day carbonaceous biological oxygen demand (CBOD<sub>5</sub>) strength of 258 milligrams per Liter. The primary ponds have a collective surface area of 53.97 acres and the secondary ponds have a collective surface area of 30.2 acres with each pond measuring a mean operating depth of four feet.

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.