

General information

Public comment period begins: October 15, 2020
Public comment period ends: December 14, 2020 (4:30 p.m.)
Current permit issued: December 12, 2014
Current permit expiration date: November 30, 2019

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 Lyle
315 1st St.
Lyle, MN 55953-6742

Facility name and location:

Lyle Wastewater Treatment Facility
55836 Stateline Rd.
Lyle, MN 55953
Mower County
T101N, R18W, Section 036

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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: Cedar River

Receiving water: Otter Creek - Class 2Bg, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water

Description of permitted facility

The application and plans indicate that the existing treatment system consists of a 1,720-foot, 15-inch gravity interceptor; a lift station; a 1,950-foot, 10-inch forcemain; and a five-cell stabilization pond system. There are three groundwater monitoring wells located around the facility that were put in place in 1990 to monitor for potential impacts from leakage from the older pond cells.

The facility has a controlled discharge (SD002) to Otter Creek (Class 2Bg, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water), and is designed to treat an average wet weather design flow of up to 0.1774 million gallons per day, with a five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand strength of 86 milligrams per liter. The pond system consists of two primary cells measuring 7-acres each, and three secondary cells measuring 4.38-acres, 2.7-acres, and 2.6-acres, respectively. The total detention time in the system is 180 days. One constructed sewer overflow point (located at Manhole Number 5) is part of the collection system. The constructed sewer overflow point is a gate-controlled emergency outflow designed to prevent both structural failure as well as upstream sewer overflows to public and residential areas in case of extreme emergency events and is capable of discharge of untreated wastewater to Otter Creek. The constructed overflow point must be manually controlled and locked.

The facility is further described in the Facility plan that is on file with the MPCA, and in an engineering report by the firm of Jones, Haugh and Smith, Inc., of Albert Lea, Minnesota.

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.