Public Notice of intent to reissue

Wastewater Permit MN0022659

General information

Public comment period begins: November 7, 2018
Public comment period ends: January 7, 2019 (4:30 p.m.)
Current permit issued: September 12, 2012
Current permit expiration date: August 31, 2017

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: Facility name and location: MPCA contact person:
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A draft permit is available for review on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Public Notices webpage at http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publicnotices or at the MPCA office address listed under the MPCA contact person. 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: North Fork Crow River
Receiving water: County Ditch 47 - Class 2Bg, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water

Description of permitted facility

The Atwater Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility) is located in the NE ¼ of Section 12, Township 119 North, Range 33 West, Gennessee Township, Kandiyohi County, Minnesota. The existing Facility consists of one lift station, approximately 1,050 feet of forcemain, a three-cell stabilization pond. This is a Class D facility.

The Facility is permitted to treat an average wet weather influent flow of 200,000 gallons per day (gpd) with a five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand strength of 249 milligrams per liter. The two primary cells (also referred to as Cell A and Cell B) have a surface area of 10 acres each and are operated in series. The secondary cell (also referred to as Cell C) has a surface area of 7.5 acres, and currently acts as a seepage basin. The Facility provides a detention time of 130 days at design flow in Cells A and B.

The primary Cells A and B are large enough to provide adequate detention time at current flows for the wastewater prior to transfer to the Cell C. Wastewater transferred to the secondary cells has historically met secondary treatment standards, however, the water usually evaporates and/or seeps through the bottom of the secondary pond cell.

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.