

General information

Public comment period begins: July 9, 2021
Public comment period ends: September 9, 2021 (4:30 p.m.)
Current permit modified: January 8, 2015
Current permit expiration date: July 31, 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 Hector
301 Main Street South
Hector, Minnesota 55342

Facility name and location:

Hector Wastewater Treatment Plant
1500 Bryant Avenue Northeast
Hector, Minnesota 55342
Renville County
T115N, R32W, Section 021

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A draft permit and supporting documentation are 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: South Fork Crow River

Receiving water: Judicial Ditch 15 - Class 7, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water

Description of permitted facility

The Hector Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility) is located in the NE ¼ of the NE ¼ of Section 28, Township 115 North, Range 32 West, Hector Township, Renville County, Minnesota. This is a Class A facility.

The application and plans indicate that the Facility consists of an influent lift station, an EQ lift station, mechanical screening, washing, and bagging unit, a manual bar screen, a vortex grit chamber with grit classifier, four aeration basins, two final clarifiers, an ultraviolet disinfection contact basin, an earthen influent equalization basin, a mechanical sludge thickener, and thickened sludge aerobic digester/storage tank(s).

The Facility has a continuous discharge (Discharge SD004) to Judicial Ditch No. 15 (Class 7, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6, Water) and then to Buffalo Creek (Class 2B, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 Water) and has an average wet weather (AWW) design flow of 658,000 gallons per day (gpd) and a peak hourly wet weather flow of 4,780,000 gpd. The Facility is designed to treat a five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD₅) strength of 793 pounds per day.

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.