

General information

Public comment period begins: June 15, 2017

Public comment period ends: 4:30 p.m. on July 17, 2017

Current permit issued: March 25, 2014

Current permit expiration date: May 31, 2016

Name and address of Permittee:

City of Beardsley
P.O. Box 238
Beardsley, MN 56211-0238

Facility name and location:

Beardsley Wastewater Treatment
Facility
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Big Stone County
T124N, R48W, Section 017

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The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to reissue this permit for a term of approximately ten years. A draft permit is available for review on the 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.

Description of permitted facility

This Class D Facility discharges from WS 002 to land via spray irrigation, and is designed to treat:

- An average wet weather (AWW) flow of 0.025 million gallons per day (MGD)
- 5-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD5) of 211 milligrams per liter (mg/L)

The Facility consists of a collection system, lift station, force main, two-cell stabilization pond, and a 29.5-acre spray irrigation site (using a center-pivot irrigator). The two ponds have a surface area of 2.0 acres each at the mean water level, are designed to operate between two feet and 6 feet from pond bottom, and provide 210 days of storage at AWW flow. The spray irrigation site (station LA303) is split into a north half and a south half; wire grass and alfalfa are grown and harvested on the north half, and an annual corn-soybean rotation on the south. Up to 0.41 million gallons/acre-year of effluent is permitted to be applied to this site.

The facility also has a 1.3-acre rapid infiltration basin for disposal of wastewater on an emergency basis only.

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.