Public Notice of intent to modify

Wastewater

Permit MN0049204

General information

Public comment period begins: November 7, 2018
Public comment period ends: January 7, 2019 (4:30 p.m.)
Current permit issued: April 1, 2016
Current permit expiration date: March 31, 2021

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to major modify this permit for the remainder of the permit term.

Name and address of Permittee: City of Cokato
255 Broadway Ave S
Cokato, MN 55321-1901

Facility name and location: Cokato Wastewater Treatment Facility
4164 County Road 4 SW
Cokato, MN 55321-1901
T119N, R28W, Section 026

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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 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: Crow River, North Fork - Class 2B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water

Description of the permitted facility

The Facility has a continuous discharge (SD001) to the North Fork of the Crow River (Class 2B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 Water) and is designed to treat an average wet weather (AWW) flow of 726,000 gallons per day (gpd), an average dry weather flow of 296,000 gpd, and a five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD5) loading of 576 pounds per day or a concentration of 95 milligrams per liter (mg/L) at average wet weather flows. This is a class C Facility.

Each of the ponds provides 40 days of detention time at AWW flows. The Facility maintains the equalization basin at the former wastewater treatment plant location for high flow events. Any material diverted to the equalization basin is then pumped back into the Facility main line to the head of the treatment works.

A drain tile system (GW 001) has been permanently installed at the pond site. The drain tile discharges to the pond system outfall pipe and then to the North Fork of the Crow River.

This permit contains a compliance schedule for the permittee to construct facility improvements to reduce its phosphorus discharge. The facility improvements include effluent filters, chemical feed equipment, a backwash holding tank, a filter influent lift station, and a rapid mix manhole. The existing effluent micro screens will be removed as part of this project. The proposed improvements are further described in the plans and specifications on file with the MPCA from Bolton & Menk, Inc.

The preliminary determination to modify 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.