Public Notice of intent to reissue

Wastewater
Permit MN0049891

General information

Public comment period begins: November 14, 2018
Public comment period ends: January 14, 2019 (4:30 p.m.)
Current permit issued: April 4, 2013
Current permit expiration date: March 31, 2018

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: MDNR Scenic State Park
Facility name and location: MDNR Scenic State Park
MDNR Scenic State Park
56956 Scenic Highway 7
Bigfork, Minnesota 56628

Itasca County
T060N, R25W, Section 006

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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: Big Fork River
Receiving water: Gale Brook - Class 2B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water

Description of Scenic State Park Wastewater Treatment Facility

The MDNR Scenic State Park facility (Facility) is located at 56956 Scenic Highway 7, Bigfork, Minnesota 56628, Itasca County.

The Facility has a controlled discharge (SD001) from the stabilization pond to the adjacent wetlands. This is a Class D Facility.

The Facility is designed to treat an average wet weather flow of 15,500 gallons per day (GPD). The Facility has four septic tanks, one Imhoff tank and one 1.8-acre stabilization pond, measured at the four foot operating depth. Wastewater enters the stabilization pond in two locations - WS001 to the north and WS002 to the east.

WS001 consists of influent flow from the Lodge Campground and the Picnic Area Sanitation Building. From these sources, wastewater enters the Imhoff tank, flows into a lift station, and is pumped through 1,753 feet of force main. The wastewater drains by gravity through 787 feet of pipe to the stabilization pond.

WS002 consists of influent flow from the Fish Cleaning House, the Chase Point Campground Sanitation Building, the Contact Station Building, and the Trailer Dump Station.

Wastewater from the Fish Cleaning House enters a 1,000-gallon septic tank (WS003), and then drains by gravity to a 5,000-gallon septic tank (WS004).

Wastewater from the Chase Point Campground Sanitation Building drains by gravity directly into the same 5,000-gallon septic tank. The combined wastewater then drains by gravity to the stabilization pond.

Wastewater from the Contact Station Building enters a 2,200-gallon septic tank (WS005), and then drains by gravity to the stabilization pond.
Wastewater from the Trailer Dump Station enters a 1,000-gallon septic tank (WS006), and then drains by gravity to the stabilization pond.

The Facility is surrounded by a network of three groundwater monitoring wells. One monitoring well is located upgradient and two are located downgradient to monitor groundwater conditions at the stabilization pond site.

Changes to the facility may result in an increase in pollutant loading to surface waters or other causes of degradation to surface waters. If a change to the facility will result in a net increase in pollutant loading or other causes of degradation that exceed the maximum loading authorized through conditions specified in the existing permit, the changes to the facility are subject to antidegradation requirements found in Minn. R. 7050.0250 to 7050.0335.

This Permit also complies with Minn. R. 7053.0275 regarding anti-backsliding.

Any point source discharger of sewage, industrial, or other wastes for which a NPDES permit has been issued by the MPCA that contains effluent limits more stringent than those that would be established by Minn. R. 7053.0215 to 7053.0265 shall continue to meet the effluent limits established by the permit, unless the permittee establishes that less stringent effluent limits are allowable pursuant to federal law, under section 402(o) of the Clean Water Act, United States Code, title 33, section 1342.

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.