Public Notice of intent to reissue
Wastewater
 Permit MN0060585

General information

Public comment period begins: September 15, 2020
Public comment period ends: October 15, 2020 (4:30 p.m.)
Current permit issued: September 15, 2015
Current permit expiration date: August 31, 2020

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to reissue this permit for a term of approximately 10 years.

Name and address of Permittee: Facility name and location: MPCA contact person:
Ruttger’s Bay Lake Lodge Ruttger’s Bay Lake Lodge Wastewater Amanda Wilkens
25039 Tame Fish Lake Rd Treatment Facility Crow Wing County Municipal Division
Deerwood, MN 56444-8544 Deerwood, MN 56444 Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
T45N, R28W, Section 3

Description of permitted facility

The plans and specifications indicate that the Facility consists of two separate systems, one used primarily in the winter (West System) when flows are low and one in the summer (East System) during high usage. The Facility uses a lift station and force main to transfer wastewater to one of the two systems. The West System consists of a standard septic tank drainfield with one 5,000-gallon septic tank, which drains to a gravity drainfield with a capacity of 9,800 gallons per day (gpd). The East System consists of one 22,500-gallon septic tank, two recirculating gravel filters each with 4,800 square feet of surface area, and a pumping station that discharges to the east pressurized drainfield that has a capacity of 44,300 gpd.

There are no bypass or overflow points into the treatment system. There is no discharge to surface waters. This is a Class C facility.

The Facility is further described in plans and specifications on file with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) prepared by Landecker and Associates, Pequot Lakes, Minnesota.

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.

Watershed: Mississippi River - Brainerd

A draft permit is 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-m pca/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.
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.