

General information

Public comment period begins: April 2, 2021
Public comment period ends: May 3, 2021 (4:30 p.m.)
Current permit issued: August 28, 2013
Current permit expiration date: July 31, 2018

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:

North Shore Land Co
5700 West Highway 61
Lutsen, MN 55612

Facility name and location:

Lutsen Resort Wastewater Treatment
Plant
5700 West Highway 61
Lutsen, MN 55612
Cook County
T060N, R03W, Section 033

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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>. 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: Lake Superior - North

Description of Lutsen Resort Wastewater Treatment Facility

The Lutsen Resort Wastewater Treatment Facility (facility) is located at 5700 West Highway 61, Lutsen, Minnesota 55612, Cook County.

Existing Facility

The facility has two separate treatment systems: Main Lodge, Annex, and Townhome System and Employee Housing System. The facility is designed to treat:

- An average wet weather (AWW) flow of 0.0285 million gallons per day (MGD);
- 5-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD₅) of 250 milligrams per liter (mg/L);
- total suspended solids (TSS) of 250 mg/L.

Main Lodge, Annex, and Townhome System

The Main Lodge, Annex, and Townhome System is designed to treat an AWW flow of 0.0255 MGD. The Main Lodge, Annex, and Townhome System consists of six septic tanks, a filter tank, a recirculation tank, two aerated vertical flow wetland treatment cells with regenerative blowers, a dosing tank, and two separate drainfields, rated at 10,000 and 12,500 gallons per day.

Employee Housing System

The Employee Housing System is designed to treat an AWW flow of 0.003 MGD. The Employee Housing System includes two septic tanks, a combination filter/recirculation tank, an aerated vertical flow wetland treatment cell with regenerative blowers, a dosing tank, and a drainfield, rated at 3,000 gallons 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.