General information

Public comment period begins: November 29, 2018
Public comment period ends: December 31, 2018 (4:30 p.m.)
Current permit issued: April 24, 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 10 years.

Name and address of Permittee: River Trails Inc
84259 County Road 46
Hayward, MN 56043

Facility name and location: Albert Lea/Austin KOA Campground
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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: Shell Rock River

Description of permitted facility

The existing facility serves the KOA Campground located east of Hayward, Minnesota. This privately owned campground operates from May through October each year, occupies approximately 23 acres of land, and includes 85 campsites. Twenty of these campsites have sewer and water available at the site, as well as a main office building with a shower and laundry facilities that discharge to the treatment system.

The facility includes a three-cell stabilization pond system. The facility is designed to treat an average wet-weather flow of up to 7,200 gallons per day with a five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand strength of 250 milligrams per liter. The primary ponds have surface areas of 1.69 acres, both measured at a depth of two feet. The secondary pond cell has a surface area of 0.44 acres, at a depth of three feet. The pond system is a non-discharging system.

There are no bypass or overflow points known to exist in this treatment system.

The facility is further described in plans and specifications on file with the MPCA (dated December 30, 1968) and in an engineering report by the firm of Jones, Haugh, and Smith, Inc., Albert Lea, 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.

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.