

General information

Public comment period begins: October 21, 2020
Public comment period ends: November 19, 2020 (4:30 p.m.)
Current permit issued: September 10, 2014
Current permit expiration date: August 31, 2019

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:	Facility name and location:	MPCA contact person:
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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: Zumbro River

Receiving water: Zumbro River, South Fork - Class 2Bg, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water

Description of permitted facility

The Milestone Materials - North Quarry facility (facility) is located at NE 1/4 of SE 1/4 of Section 11, Township 107 North, Range 14 West, Rochester, Olmsted County, Minnesota.

The principle activities at the facility are open pit mining, crushing, sorting, and washing of limestone and sand and gravel. The facility supplies limestone and aggregate products to state, county and local construction projects at an approximate rate of 200,000 tons per year and has the potential to be used to make aggregate base course, hot mix asphalt pavement, and ready mix concrete. Currently, operations at the site are seasonal as local projects demand. The facility consists of limestone and sand and gravel excavation areas, plant areas, and equipment and stockpile material storage areas.

In order to access the aggregate, groundwater will be dewatered from the quarry floor as operations require. Once the quarry floor is exposed, the bedrock is shot, and the shot rock is processed in a portable aggregate crusher. As additional aggregate is extracted from the site, the reserves are located further below the water table and thus operations require increased pumping to access the aggregate. The dewatering discharge resulting from this process is routed through a series of settling ponds prior to discharging to the South Fork of the Zumbro River (Class 2B,3C,4A,4B,5,6) at a maximum rate of 11 million gallons per day (mgd) and an average rate of nine mgd through surface discharge station SD 001.

Once the aggregate is crushed it is then sorted, washed and moved to a stockpile on site where it will then be loaded by truck and removed off site. Wash water will remain in the wash ponds where the water will be recycled for aggregate washing. Stormwater drainage from these stockpiles and all other operation areas of the site will be internally drained. Stormwater will be either infiltrated to groundwater within the quarry or treated within the quarry sump and associated dewatering discharge sedimentation basins.

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.