

General information

Public comment period begins: March 30, 2021
Public comment period ends: June 01, 2021 (4:30 p.m.)
Current permit issued: September 9, 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 five years.

Name and address of Permittee:

City of Ogema
PO Box 158
Ogema, MN 56569-0158

Facility name and location:

Ogema Wastewater Treatment Facility
311 Perrault Street North
Ogema, MN 56569
Becker County
T142N, R41W, Section 020

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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: Wild Rice River

Receiving water: Unnamed - Class 2D, 3D, 4C, 5, 6 water; Spring Creek - Class 2Bg, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water

Description of Ogema Wastewater Treatment Facility

Facility Description

The Ogema Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility) is located in Section 20, Township 142 North, Range 41 West, White Earth Township, Becker County, Minnesota. The Facility has a controlled discharge (SD001) to an unnamed wetland (Class 2D, 3D, 4C, 5, and 6 Water) that leads to Spring Creek and then to the South Branch of the Wild Rice River. This is a Class D Facility.

The Facility is designed to treat:

An average wet weather design flow (AWWDF) of 0.0253 million gallons per day (MGD)
5-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD5) of 271 milligrams per liter (mg/L)

The existing Facility consists of two lift stations, force main, and a two-cell stabilization pond system. The primary and secondary cells are each eight feet deep with two feet of sludge storage and two feet of freeboard, giving each cell a four foot operating depth. The stabilization pond cells provide a total detention time of 210 days at design flow.

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.