Public Notice of intent to reissue

Wastewater Permit MN0003182

General information

Public comment period begins: November 13, 2018
Public comment period ends: January 11, 2019 (4:30 p.m.)
Current permit issued: September 9, 2014
Current permit expiration date: October 31, 2017

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:
City of Little Falls Little Falls Water Treatment Plant Holly Kvittem
PO Box 244 101 7th Ave NE Municipal Division
Little Falls, MN 56345-0244 Little Falls, MN 56345-2300 Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
Morrison County Morrison County
T41N, R32W, Section 34 714 Lake Avenue, Suite 220

Holly Kvittem Municipal Division
Municipal Division
Municipal Division
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
714 Lake Avenue, Suite 220
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501
Phone: 218-846-8111
Email: holly.kvittem@state.mn.us

File manager phone: 651-757-2728 or 1-844-828-0942

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: Mississippi River - Brainerd
Receiving water: Mississippi River – Class 1C, 2Bd, 3A, 4A, 5, 6 water [ORVW]

Description of permitted facility

The application and plans indicate that the Facility is located at 100 Northeast 7th Street, Little Falls, Morrison County. The Facility consists of a four-cell media filter containing anthracite and silica sand, one aerator, one splitter box, two clarifiers, a recarbonation basin, and a lagoon to hold the lime sludge. The Facility is designed to process 1,500,000 gallons of water per day. The Facility discharges on an intermittent basis with a maximum discharge rate of 72,000 gallons per day. The discharge point is to the Mississippi River (Class 1C, 2Bd, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6, water).

The Facility provides treated water as the public drinking water supply for the City of Little Falls. The well water is softened by aeration and the addition of alum; from there the water gravity flows into a center fed upflow clarifier where lime, polymer, and Aquahawk are added. The lime is added to the water for iron removal and drives the pH up prior to flowing into a recarbonation basin where the water is chlorinated and carbon dioxide is added to reduce the pH to the appropriate level. The water is filtered and fluoride is added as final treatment. The remnant lime sludge is discharged to lime lagoons which are pumped once per year and the sludge is then land applied. The Facility recycles its filtered backwash water by sending the backwash water to a reclamation basin for one hour of settling and is then pumped to the head of the water treatment plant where it is mixed with raw water and is treated using conventional treatment (coagulation, flocculation, sedimentation, and filtration).

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.