Public Notice of intent to issue

Wastewater Permit MN0071323

General information

Public comment period begins: November 5, 2018
Public comment period ends: December 4, 2018 (4:30 p.m.)

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to issue this permit for a term of approximately five years.

Name and address of Permittee: Young Life
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Facility name and location: Young Life Castaway Club WWTF
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Otter Tail County
Section 2 & 3, T137N, R42W

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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: Otter Tail River

Description of permitted facility

The application and plans indicate that the Young Life (Permittee) Castaway Club is a 26-acre year-round camp destination located on an isthmus between Pelican Lake and Little Pelican Lake accommodating more than 3,000 campers during the summer and about 4,500 campers during the fall-winter-spring season. This is an existing recreation area that started as a vacation home in the 1900s and was transitioned into a summer camp operated by the Young Life nonprofit organization in 1963 and has since been operated that way.

The Facility serves a 15-building housing/dormitory/summer camp treating a combined average design flow of up to 28,422 gallons per day (gpd). The current Facility (not including the proposed Ketch system) consists of a total of 35 holding tanks, a total volume of 49,835 gallon septic tanks and 17,892 lineal feet of drainfield. This is a Class D Facility.

Dory (Volunteer housing) Est Design Flow 1,532 gpd
2-1,000 gal septic tanks
1,000 square foot (sq ft) trench rock drainfield

Ketch (Volunteer housing) Est design flow of proposed building 2,400 gpd
Proposed work consists of a series of holding tanks with a total capacity volume of 7,500 gal

Clipper (Visitor housing) Est design flow 1,212 gpd
1-1,500 gal septic tank
750 sq ft trench rock drainfield

Windjammer West Tanks (West wing of building) Est design flow 1,782 gpd
2-1,500 gal septic tanks
1,791 sq ft trench rock drainfield

Windjammer Kitchen Tanks (Kitchen) Est design flow 6,000 gpd
1-4,500 and 1-5,500 gal septic tanks
5,000 sq ft trench rock drainfield
Windjammer East Tanks (East wing of building) Est design flow 3,425 gpd
3-1,500 gal septic tanks
2,760 sq ft trench rock drainfield

Schooner (Female Dormitory) Est design flow 993 gpd
2-1,500 and 1-1,000 gal septic tanks
3,008 sq ft rock trench drainfield

Sloop (Female Dormitory)
Building is tied into the Schooner and Windjammer East Tanks septic systems

Barquentine (Camp Laundry) Est design flow 1,580 gpd
3-1,500 gal septic tanks
1,320 sq ft rock trench drainfield

Bridge/Dry Dock (Bridge: Camp Office; Dry Dock: Camp Shop) Est. design flow 300 gpd
1-750 gal septic tank
249 sq ft rock trench drainfield

Bridge West (Portion of Camp Office, Infirmary) Est design flow 936 gpd
1-1,875 gal septic tank
780 sq ft rock trench drainfield

Anchor (Theatre) Est design flow 294 gpd
1-1,000 gal septic tank
250 sq ft trench drainfield

Cutter (Dormitory) Est design flow 1,360 gpd
1-1,500 and 1-1,000 gal septic tanks
1,190 sq ft trench rock drainfield

Carrick South (Male Dormitory, top level) Est design flow 1,564 gpd
1-1,500 and 1-1,000 gal septic tanks; 500 gal lift station
1,299 sq ft trench rock drainfield

Carrick North (Male Dormitory, bottom level) Est design flow 816 gpd
2-1,000 gal septic tanks
816 sq ft trench rock drainfield

Galleon (Male Dormitory) Est design flow 3,300 gpd
1-1,500 and 2-1,000 gal septic tanks; 1,200 gal lift station
2,739 sq ft trench rock drainfield

Seabreeze (Snack shop, 2 hot tubs) Est design flow 428 gpd
1-1,250 and 1-1,000 gal septic tanks

Dinghy (Doctor housing) Est design flow 500 gpd
1-1,500 gal holding tank

Due to the age of the existing septic systems, several of the existing systems may need to be replaced as outlined in a compliance schedule in the permit. Also, due to previously planned construction work on one of the existing buildings (Ketch), the permit also includes requirements for the installation of new septic holding tanks designed to accommodate the size and function of the building. There are no designed bypass points or overflow areas in the dispersal system; discharge to surface waters is not allowed under this permit.

The Facility is further described in plans and records on file with the MPCA.

The preliminary determination to issue 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.