General information

Public comment period begins: November 19, 2018
Public comment period ends: December 19, 2018 (4:30 p.m.)
Current permit issued: July 26, 2012
Current permit expiration date: June 30, 2017

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

Name and address of Permittee: Sherrock LTD Partnership
11000 Highway 10 Northwest Lot 30A
Rice, MN 56367-9313

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T37N, R31W, Section 3

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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: Mississippi River - Sartell

Description of permitted facility

The existing Facility consists of two septic tanks (30,000 gallon and 40,000 gallon), one 5,000 gallon pumping tank, two 20,000 gallon equalization tanks (previously used as recirculating tanks), a two stage extended aeration package plant C2 BIOPAK followed by a separate stage denitrification unit with carbon addition post aeration and final settling with solids recycling, one 20,000 gallon plastic drainfield dosing tank with five duplex pump vaults, five alternating pressure drainfields with a total surface area of approximately 101,452 square feet, two unused drainfields with a total surface area of 23,300 sq ft (approximately 16,800 square feet and 6,500 square feet), and one 20,000 gallon sludge holding tank. This is a Class C Facility.

The existing Facility is designed to treat an average wet weather (AWW) flow of 49,000 gallons per day (gpd), with a peak instantaneous wet weather flow of 98,000 gpd, a five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD5) strength of 240 milligrams per liter (mg/L), and total suspended solids (TSS) of 280 mg/L.

The previously issued permit included language in the facility description describing the intended continued use of the Advantex filters which would have resulted in the Facility being reclassified as a Class B Facility. During construction work, the Advantex filters were abandoned thus resulting in the Facility maintaining the C classification.

This permit includes a compliance schedule that will result in either maintained compliance with the final end-of-pipe total nitrogen limit on WS004 or connection to the City of Rice's Wastewater Treatment Facility.

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:
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.