

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0060151-10-0

Permittee: VILLAGE OF AVOCA, PO Box 188, Avoca, WI, 53506-0188

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Avoca Wastewater Treatment Facility, LAGOON ROAD, NWQ, NEQ, SEC 11, T8N, R1E, PULASKI TWP, AVOCA, WISCONSIN

Receiving Water and Location: Morrey Creek in Otter and Morrey Creeks of Wisconsin River (lower) in Iowa county

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: The Village of Avoca operates a recirculating sand filter biological wastewater treatment facility. The facility is in the north-west side of Avoca in Pulaski Township in Iowa County and serves an estimated population of 550. There are no contributing industrial facilities to the sanitary sewer besides bars and restaurants. Treatment is provided with headworks (screening, installed in 2021), a two-train septic tank that has three stages, a “dosing” (recirculation) tank, and four sand filter beds with underdrains. Effluent is discharged to Morrey Creek year-round and disinfected using ultraviolet radiation from May through September. Solids are removed from the septic tank once every two to five years as needed. Plans and specifications for a chemical addition upgrade were conditionally approved October 10, 2024.

Permit Drafter’s Name, Address, Phone and Email: Lisa Creegan, DNR, 1027 W St Paul Ave, Milwaukee, WI, 53233, (414) 897-5701, Lisa.Creegan@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer’s Name, Address, Phone and Email: Kenzie Ostien, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711, (608) 516-6487, kenzie.ostien@wisconsin.gov

The Department has tentatively decided that the above-specified WPDES permit should be reissued.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above-named permit drafter’s address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department’s final decision when the permit is issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Wis. Stats. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be inspected and copied at either the above-named permit drafter’s office or the above-named basin engineer’s office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (414) 897-5701 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice, permit and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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