

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0021903-10-1

Permittee: CITY OF BRODHEAD, P O Box 168, Brodhead, WI, 53520

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Brodhead Wastewater Treatment Facility, 1700 11th STREET, BRODHEAD, WISCONSIN

Receiving Water And Location: Sugar River – Millrace (Lower Sugar River Watershed, SP11 – Sugar-Pecatonica River Basin) in Green County

Brief Facility Description : The City of Brodhead Wastewater Treatment Facility serves a population of approximately 3,500 people with no significant industries or anticipated growth. The city operates a treatment facility upgraded in 1998 consisting of preliminary treatment (grit and screenings removal), a septage receiving station, biological phosphorus removal, activated sludge (oxidation ditch extended aeration), final clarification and seasonal ultraviolet disinfection. The plant currently treats 320,000 gallons of wastewater per day on an annual average (design flow is 0.597 MGD) and achieves a high level of treatment. Sludge from the treatment process is aerobically digested and stored prior to being land spread seasonally on approved sites. Treated effluent is discharged to the Sugar River.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Jennifer Jerich, DNR, N7725 Hwy 28, Horicon, WI, 53032, (920) 450-4078, Jennifer.Jerich@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

Proposed Modification: Permit Modification -1 was completed to change the sampling requirements for ammonia for May through September. During these months there are no ammonia limits effective in the permit therefore sampling for ammonia from May through September is only required in 2025. These data are for permit reissuance purposed.

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

Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Land application of waste shall be done in accordance with permit conditions and applicable codes. All land application sites shall be approved prior to their use. To receive a list of approved sites, or to be notified of potential approvals, contact the above-named basin engineer.

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 (920) 450-4078 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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