

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0060968-10-0

Permittee: DEVIL'S HEAD RESORT & CONVENTION CENTER, S6330 Bluff Rd, Merrimac, WI, 53561

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Devils Head Resort & Convention Center WWTF, NEQ, SEQ, SEC 23, T11N, R7E, MERRIMAC TWP, MERRIMAC, WISCONSIN

Receiving Water And Location: Groundwater of the Lower Wisconsin River Basin (Lake Wisconsin Watershed, LW19) in Sauk county

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: Devil's Head Resort and Convention Center operates a wastewater treatment facility to treat domestic wastewater produced at the resort. Treatment consists of an oxidation ditch followed by final clarification. Treated effluent is discharged to any of four seepage cells. Three groundwater monitoring wells are sampled quarterly to evaluate groundwater quality. The facility is designed to treat an average daily flow of 65,000 gallons per day and presently receives an average of 23,072 gallons per day for treatment. Sludge that is produced is stored on-site in a sludge holding tank and then transported by a permitted hauler for land application on Department approved fields or to a nearby municipal wastewater treatment facility for more treatment.

After a desk top review of all discharge monitoring reports, CMARs, land application reports, compliance schedule items, and a site visit on December 20, 2023, this facility has been found to be in substantial compliance with their current permit.

Monitoring for effluent flow rate has been added to the permit. The sample frequency for biological oxygen demand (BOD) have been updated. Effluent monitoring for fecal coliform is included in the permit at a monthly frequency during the first year of the permit term. The PALs, ES, and/or ACL have been updated using data from the prior permit term for the following parameters: Chloride, Nitrite + Nitrate Nitrogen, pH, Organic Nitrogen, and Total Dissolved Solids. Groundwater monitoring for fecal coliform is included in the permit at a quarterly frequency during the first year of the permit term. List 2 Nutrients sludge monitoring has been added should land application occur and for planning purposes. PCB sludge monitoring and limits are included in the permit. PFAS sludge monitoring is required annually pursuant to s. NR 204.06(2)(b)9, Wis. Adm. Code.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: BetsyJo Howe, 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd, Fitchburg, WI, 53711, (608) 419-4155, Betsyjo.Howe@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Tanner Connors, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711, (608) 575-6891, Tanner.Connors@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 (608) 419-4155 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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