

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0020974-11-0

Permittee: Village of Ferryville, P O Box 236, Ferryville, WI, 54628

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Ferryville Wastewater Treatment Facility, 15655 State Highway 35 (Lagoon Street)

Receiving Water And Location: Sugar Creek, Rush Creek Watershed (Bad Axe/La Crosse River Basin)

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: The Village of Ferryville owns and operates a three-cell aerated lagoon facility that receives only domestic wastewater/ The annual average design flow is 0.035 MGD (million gallons per day). The facility is a fill and draw type facility, and discharges into Sugar Creek. Discharge periods are approximately 30 days and have a maximum flow limit of 0.050 MGD.

Substantive proposed changes in the permit include replacement of fecal coliform monitoring and limits with Escherichia coli (E. coli) monitoring and limits, inclusion of a schedule to investigate and reduce the source of zinc entering the treatment plant with a final limit effective date of April 1, 2028, and PFAS sampling of the sludge. The presence and fate of PFAS in municipal and industrial sludges is an emerging public health concern. To quantitate this risk, PFAS sampling of the sludge has been included in this WPDES permit pursuant to ss. NR 214.18(5)(b) and NR 204.06(2)(b)9., Wis. Adm. Code.

Substantial Compliance Determination

After a desk top review of all discharge monitoring reports, CMARs, SSO reporting, compliance schedule items, and a site visit on January 30, 2024, this facility has been found to be in substantial compliance with their current permit.

Compliance determination made by Katie Jo Jerzak, P.E. on February 19, 2024.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Geisa Bittencourt, 1300 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI, 54701, (715) 836-7570, Geisa.Bittencourt@wisconsin.gov>

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Katherine Jerzak, 1300 W Clairemont Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701, (715) 491-0207, katherine.jerzak@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 (715) 836-7570 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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