

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES)  
PERMIT No. WI-0061263-08-0

Permittee: Ho Chunk Nation, 1230 South Boulevard, Baraboo, WI, 53913

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Ho Chunk RV Resort and Campground , N. 2884 28th Ave., Lyndon Station, WI

Receiving Water And Location: Wisconsin River in Lower Lemonweir River Watershed of Lower Wisconsin River Basin in Juneau county

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: Ho-Chunk Nation owns and operates Ho-Chunk RV Resort and Campground for seasonal treatment and discharge (April – November) of domestic wastewaters. The annual average design flow of the facility is 0.045 million gallons per day (MGD). The facility did not discharge effluent to surface water during the last permit term except to provide monitoring data in the summer of 2024 so the DNR could generate the water quality effluent limitations memo (WQBEL) for the next permit term; all other wastewater during this permit term was hauled to the Ho-Chunk Village WWTF in Baraboo for treatment and disposal. Treatment of wastewater is achieved using an influent equalization basin, followed by two sequencing batch reactors (SBRs). Effluent is disinfected via chlorination (followed by dechlorination by addition of sodium bisulfite) prior to seasonal discharge to the Wisconsin River. When needed, sludge is hauled to the Ho-Chunk Nation WWTF plant in Baraboo. No significant operational changes occurred in the last permit term or are proposed for the upcoming term. Proposed permit changes are as follows: 1) new effluent zinc limits, 2) effluent fecal coliform is replaced with Escherichia coli (E. coli) monitoring and limits, and 3) PFAS sludge sampling has been included in the proposed WPDES permit pursuant to ss. NR 214.18(5)(b) and NR 204.06(2)(b)9., Wis. Adm. Code to quantitate risk.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Angela Parkhurst, 1300 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI, 54701, (715) 839-3836, Angela.Parkhurst@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.

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 (715) 839-3836 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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