

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0027995-11-0

Permittee: Village of Plover, P O Box 37, Plover, WI, 54467

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Plover Wastewater Treatment Facility, 4496 Coolidge Ave, Plover, WI

Receiving Water And Location: Wisconsin River in the Fourmile and Fivemile Creek Watershed (Central Wisconsin River Basin), Portage County

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: The Plover Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) treats domestic and industrial waste. The annual average design flow of the facility is 1.8 million gallons per day (MGD). Del Monte Foods, Monogram Foods, Silgan Containers, Ingredion Foods, McCains Foods (formerly Infinity), Oso Brewing, and Online Packaging Inc. Additionally, the WWTF treats leachate from Portage, Oneida and Lincoln Counties, as well as septage and holding tank waste. Preliminary treatment consists of screening and grit removal. Additional treatment includes activated sludge treatment through the use of a three-ring oxidation ditch (aerobic and anaerobic) and biological phosphorus removal. A chemical feed system is also in place to provide chemical phosphorus removal as a back-up for the biological removal system. Seasonal disinfection (May – Sept) via ultraviolet (UV) light is conducted prior to discharge of effluent to the Wisconsin River. Biosolids generated at the facility are thermally aerobic digested and then pressed into a cake sludge. The sludge is stored in a building onsite until it is landspread on Department-approved agricultural fields. Proposed changes include inclusion of E. coli monitoring and limits, increase of nitrogen ammonia effluent monitoring from 2/week to 3/week, increase of phosphorus mass limit from 3.6 lbs/day to 7.96 lbs/day consistent with the EPA-approved Wisconsin River Basin TMDL, PFOS and PFOA monitoring at the effluent once every two months, PFAS monitoring of the sludge once in the permit term, removal of the last permit term's phosphorus schedule, and inclusion of schedules to meet final E. coli limits and for data collection and determination of need for developing a PFOS/PFOA minimization plan.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Bryan Hartsook, DNR, 1027 W St Paul Ave, Milwaukee, WI, 53233, (414) 263-8512, Bryan.Hartsook@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Nicholas Lindstrom, 1300 W Clairemont Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701, (715) 492-1787, Nicholas.Lindstrom@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) 263-8512 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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