

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0031569-08-1

Permittee: VILLAGE OF REWEY, P O Box 33, Rewey, WI, 53580-0033

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Rewey Wastewater Treatment Facility, CTH "G", SOUTH, REWEY, WISCONSIN

Receiving Water And Location: Williams-Rewey Branch (Upper West Branch Pecatonica River Watershed, SP10 – Sugar-Pecatonica River Basin) in Iowa County

Brief Facility Description: The Village of Rewey operates a small-activated sludge wastewater treatment plant with an annual average design flow of 0.025 MGD. Actual flows averaged approximately 6,300 gallons per day over the past three years. Raw influent flows through a comminutor and bar screen followed by chemical addition of RE-300 for phosphorus removal and then onto extended aeration activated sludge and final clarification. Currently, there is a manhole located approximately 0.3 mi from the treatment facility which diverts treated effluent to two pipes: a six-inch corrugated pipe that is partially collapsed and a four-inch PVC pipe that empties into a watering trough for cattle. Limits are the same for both outfalls since both go to the Williams-Rewey Branch. Sludge is stored and thickened in an aerated sludge holding tank prior to being land applied seasonally. Rewey had unknowingly land spread on rescinded sites through 2017 and at that time began sending sludge to the Dodgeville, Livingston, and Walworth County Metro treatment facilities for further processing and ultimate disposal. Rewey has been working on site applications to begin to land spread its sludge under its own permit in the future.

Note: The September 13, 2022 WQBEL Memo, Attachment #3, presents a summary of the Department's determination that the receiving water is actually the Williams-Rewey Branch and not an unnamed tributary thereof.

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 remove copper limitations and reduce copper sampling to quarterly following evaluation of the copper data collected since permit reissuance that showed the permittee does not have reasonable potential to exceed the calculated effluent limitations. Changes from this modification are highlighted and/or have strikethrough text.

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

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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