

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0029041-11-0

Permittee: VILLAGE OF ROCK SPRINGS, 101 1st Street, Rock Springs, WI, 53961

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Rock Springs Wastewater Treatment Facility, SWQ, SWQ, SEC 33, T12N, R5E, EXCELSIOR TWP, ROCK SPRINGS, WISCONSIN

Receiving Water And Location: Baraboo River, East bank of the Baraboo River, approx. ½ mile downstream of STH 136 Bridge. SE ¼ of SW ¼, Section 33, T12N R5E (Lat: 43.46917° N / Lon: 89.91055° W).

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: The Village of Rock Springs operates a two cell, flow through, clay lined, stabilization pond system with continuous effluent discharge to the Baraboo River. The primary pond is approximately 5 acres and the finishing pond is approximately 2 acres. Influent flow and grab samples are taken at Lift Station 1, with effluent flow continuously monitored and grab samples taken at the secondary pond effluent manhole. The facility serves a population of approximately 360 residents with no significant industry and is designed to treat an average daily flow of 0.076 MGD and presently discharges an average of 0.05 MGD. Ferric chloride is added before Lagoon #2 for phosphorus removal. In 2023, a new building was constructed for the chemical treatment system which houses the chemical pumps, controls, and chemical storage tank for the ferric chloride. Sludge was last removed from the ponds in 2012.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Melanie Burns, 1027 W St Paul Ave, Milwaukee, WI, 53233, (414) 373-8523, Melanie.Burns@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 (414) 373-8523 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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