

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL HEARING AND INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0029831-10-0

Permittee: Yorkville Sewer Utility District No. 1, 925 15th Ave, Union Grove, WI, 53182-0015

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Yorkville Sewer Utility District No 1, 14100 Washington Avenue, Sturtevant, WI 53177

Receiving Water And Location: Ives Groove Creek, a tributary to Hoods Creek in Root River of Root River in Racine County

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: The Village of Yorkville operates a 0.236 million gallon per day (MGD) annual average design flow wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) servicing an approximate population of 1,000, including residents and non-residents. There are no significant industrial users in the service area, but the utility district does monitor local businesses and industry through local sewer use ordinance authority. The WWTF operates as an activated sludge treatment process consisting of one influent pump station, a fine bar screen, an aeration basin, and a rectangular chain and flight clarifier. Solids settled in the clarifier are returned to the aeration basin via gravity through lower ports in the common wall of the basin/clarifier. There is chemical addition for phosphorus removal. Waste activated sludge is aerobically digested before being hauled offsite for disposal by another permitted facility. Effluent is discharged to a drain tile that flows approximately one mile east-northeast and outlets on the east side of HWY V.

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Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Jacob Van Susteren-Wedesky, 1027 W St Paul Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53233, (414) 239-1480, jacob.vansusterenwedesky@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.

Proposed Chloride Variance: The Department has determined that a water quality-based effluent limitation (WQBEL) for chloride is needed in this permit to protect aquatic life. As allowed under s. NR 106.83(2), Wis. Adm. Code, the permittee has requested a variance to the chloride WQBEL. In support of this request, the permittee has submitted documentation intended to demonstrate that the cost of complying with the WQBEL through the use of end-of-pipe wastewater treatment may cause substantial and widespread adverse social and economic impacts in the area where the discharger is located. The Department concurs with that assessment; however, this concurrence is subject to USEPA approval before the variance limit may be included in the final reissued permit. In an effort to achieve chloride effluent reductions that are practically and economically achievable within the term of the proposed permit, the Department and the permittee have mutually agreed upon specific permit terms that include an interim limitation, a target limit (or value, as the case may be), and certain source reduction activities. As allowed under s. NR 106.83(3), Wis. Adm. Code, these requirements are contained in the proposed permit.

Phosphorus Multi-Discharger Variance: The Department has determined that the permittee is eligible for a phosphorus multi-discharger variance (MDV) in accordance with s. 283.16, Wis. Stats. The MDV provides a time extension for the permittee to comply with the final water quality based effluent limits for phosphorus while contributing funds towards nonpoint pollution control projects to reduce phosphorus. Comments on this determination are requested and additional supporting documentation and data are available upon request.

Hearing Date, Time, and Location: **May 16, 2025 at 10AM** via Zoom
https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/lr-iX0KWQRuYbn_QKFXRhw

Hearing Officer Name, Address, City/State/Zip, Phone, and Email: Bryan Hartsook, 1027 W Saint Paul Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53233, (414) 607-2275, bryan.hartsook@wisconsin.gov

The Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to s. 283.49, Wis. Stats, has scheduled for the time and place listed above, a public hearing for the purpose of giving all interested persons an opportunity to make a statement with respect to the above announced permit action for this existing discharge.

A hearing officer will conduct the hearing in an orderly and speedy way and will use procedures specified in Subchapter II of ch. NR 203, Wis. Adm. Code, necessary to insure broad public participation in the hearing.

The hearing officer will open the hearing and make a concise statement of the scope and purpose of the hearing and shall state what procedures will be used during the course of the hearing. The hearing officer shall explain the

method of notification of the final decision to grant or deny the permit and the methods by which the decision may be reviewed in a public adjudicatory hearing.

The hearing officer may put limits on individual oral statements to ensure an opportunity for all persons present to make statements in a reasonable period of time and to prevent undue repetition. The hearing officer may also limit the number of representatives making oral statements on behalf of any person or group.

Informational and clarifying questions and oral statements shall be directed through the hearing officer. Cross-examination shall not be allowed.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action are invited to do so by attending the public hearing or by submitting any comments or objections in writing to the Department of Natural Resources, at the above-named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received from members of the public no later than 7 days following the date of this public hearing will be used, along with other information on file and testimony presented at the hearing, in making a final determination. 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.

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) 391-8946 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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ADDRESS OF PUBLISHING NEWSPAPER: 212 4th Street Racine, WI 53403-1005

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