Permit Fact Sheet

General Information

Permit Number	WI-0060089-11-0
Permittee Name and Address	Village of Winter PO Box 277 Winter WI 54896
Permitted Facility Name and Address	Winter Wastewater Treatment Facility Lagoon Rd, Winter, Wisconsin
Permit Term	April 01, 2025 to March 31, 2030
Discharge Location	Lagoon Road, Winter Wisconsin SW1/4 -NW1/4 Section 4:T38N-R5W
Receiving Water	Groundwater in Weirgor Creek and Brunet River Watershed of Chippewa River (upper) Drainage Basin in Sawyer County
Discharge Type	Existing seasonal (October 1 st to December 31 st)
Annual Average Design Flow (MGD)	0.08 MGD
Industrial or Commercial Contributors	No
Plant Classification	A4 - Ponds, Lagoons and Natural Systems; SS - Sanitary Sewage Collection System
Approved Pretreatment Program?	N/A
Newspaper PN Last Published In	Sawyer County Gazette, PO Box 99, Winter, WI 54896-0099

Facility Description

The Village of Winter owns and operates a domestic wastewater treatment system. The plant designed to treat 80,000 gallons per day currently treats an average of 42,000 gallons per day (2019-2024 data). The system consists of two stabilization ponds operated in series. In each pond naturally occurring bacteria already in the wastewater treat the waste stream by metabolize the organic matter. From the ponds the treated water (effluent) is discharged generally each fall to two seepage cells. Spring discharges are also permitted according to their approved land management plan. The sandy soil in the bottom of the seepage further treats the effluent as it percolates through the soil eventually reaching groundwater. There are four monitoring wells located around the seepage cells to assess any groundwater impacts of the discharge.

Substantial Compliance Determination

There have been several minor violations of groundwater PALs, missed samples, and late reporting. However, the facility has taken the necessary steps to correct their actions and nothing further is required.

After a desk top review of all discharge monitoring reports, groundwater monitoring forms, CMARs, land app reports, compliance schedule items, and a site visit on 06/13/2024 by Arthur Ryzak WDNR, the Village of Winter has been found to be in substantial compliance with their current permit.

Sample Point Descriptions

	Sample Point Designation						
Sample Point Number	Discharge Flow, Units, and Averaging Period	Sample Point Location, Waste Type/Sample Contents and Treatment Description (as applicable)					
701	INFLUENT An average of 0.042 MGD (June 2019 - June 2024)	Representative samples on the plant influent shall be collected at the influent monitoring shed.					
001	EFFLUENT An average of 0.266 MGD during periods of discharge. On average dischargers occur 33 days per year. (June 2019 – June 2024)	Representative samples of the plant effluent shall be collected at the wet well following the secondary pond.					
002	SLUDGE Sludge has not been removed since 1984.	Representative samples shall be collected from the accumulated sludge in the primary pond at various locations and depths that are composted for analysis.					

Permit Requirements

	Sample Point Designation For Groundwater Monitoring Systems						
Sample Pt Number	Well Name	Comments					
803	MW 803	Upgradient well used to measure background groundwater quality and to evaluate and calculate PALs and ACLs.					
804	MW 804	Down gradient non-point of standard well located southeast of seepage cell 2.					
805	MW 805	Upgradient non-point of standard well located southwest of seepage cell 2.					
806	MW 806	Side gradient non-point of standard well located east of pond 2.					

1 Influent – Monitoring Requirements

1.1 Sample Point Number: 701- INFLUENT TO PLANT

Monitoring Requirements and Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Flow Rate		MGD	Daily	Continuous	
BOD5, Total		mg/L	Weekly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	
Suspended Solids, Total		mg/L	Weekly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl		mg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	

Monitoring Requirements and Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Nitrogen, Organic Total		mg/L	Monthly	Calculated	Organic Nitrogen = Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (mg/L) - Ammonia Nitrogen (mg/L)
Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3-N) Total		mg/L	Monthly	24-Hr Flow Prop Comp	

Influent limitations and monitoring requirements were evaluated for this permit term and the following changes were made from the previous permit. See additional explanation of limits under "Explanation of Limits and Monitoring Requirements" below.

• The Flow Rate sample frequency was changed from "Continuous" to "Daily" to better represent practices at the facility.

1.1.2 Explanation of Limits and Monitoring Requirements

Influent monitoring is needed to assess loading to the facility and treatment performance. The required parameters and sampling frequency are appropriate for a land treatment system as outlined in ch NR 206, Wis. Adm. Code.

2 Land Treatment – Monitoring and Limitations

2.1 Sample Point Number: 001- EFFLUENT TO SEEPAGE POND

Monitoring Requirements and Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Flow Rate		MGD	Daily	Total Daily	
BOD5, Total	Monthly Avg	50 mg/L	Weekly	Grab	
Suspended Solids, Total		mg/L	Weekly	Grab	
pH Field		su	Weekly	Grab	
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl		mg/L	Monthly	Grab	
Nitrogen, Organic Total		mg/L	Monthly	Calculated	Organic Nitrogen = Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen - Ammonia Nitrogen
Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3-N) Total		mg/L	Monthly	Grab	
Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate Total		mg/L	Monthly	Grab	

	Monitoring Requirements and Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes	
Solids, Total Dissolved		mg/L	Monthly	Grab		
Nitrogen, Total		mg/L	Monthly	Calculated	Total Nitrogen = Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen + (Nitrite + Nitrate) Nitrogen	
Chloride		mg/L	Monthly	Grab		

Effluent limitations and monitoring requirements were evaluated for this permit term and the following changes were made from the previous permit. See additional explanation of limits under "Explanation of Limits and Monitoring Requirements" below.

• The Flow Rate sample frequency was changed from "Continuous" to "Daily" and sample type "Continuous" to "Total Daily" to better represent practices at the facility.

2.1.2 Explanation of Limits and Monitoring Requirements

All requirements for land treatment of municipal wastewater are determined in accordance with ch. NR 206, Wis. Adm. Code. All categorical limits are based on s. NR 206.08(1) Wis. Adm. Code. More information on the limitations can be found in the "Winter Wastewater Treatment Facility – Land Disposal System Evaluation Report, WPDES Permit # WI-0060089" memo dated August 6, 2024.

BOD – Limitations are consistent with facilities approved or modified prior to January 1, 1985 (NR 206.05 Wis. Adm. Code).

Sampling Frequency - The "Monitoring Frequencies for Individual Wastewater Permits" guidance document (April 12, 2021) recommends that standard monitoring frequencies be included in individual wastewater permits based on the size and type of the facility, in order to characterize effluent quality and variability, to detect events of noncompliance, and to ensure fairness and consistency in permits issued across the state. Guidance and requirements in administrative code were considered when determining the appropriate monitoring frequencies for pollutants that have final effluent limits in effect during this permit term. The department has determined at this time that the facility meets the guidance and no changes in the monitoring frequency is required this permit term.

3 Groundwater – Monitoring and Limitations

3.1 Groundwater Monitoring System for Treatment System & Seepage Cells

Location of Monitoring system: Around the perimeter of the seepage cells and treatment ponds

Groundwater Monitoring Well(s) to be Sampled: MW 803, MW 804, MW 805, MW 806

Groundwater Monitoring Well(s) Used to Evaluate Background Groundwater Quality: MW 803

Groundwater Monitoring Well(s) Used for Point of Standards Application: None of the wells meet the point of standards application well criteria. the wells are within both the property boundary and the design management zone.

Parameter	Units	Preventative Action Limit	Enforcement Standard	Frequency
Depth To Groundwater	feet	N/A	N/A	Quarterly
Groundwater Elevation	feet MSL	N/A	N/A	Quarterly
Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	2.0	10	1/6 Months
Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	125	250	1/6 Months
pH Field	su	6.7	N/A	1/6 Months
Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	0.97	9.7	1/6 Months
Nitrogen, Organic Dissolved	mg/L	2.5	N/A	1/6 Months
Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	330	N/A	1/6 Months

Groundwater limitations and monitoring requirements were evaluated for this permit term and the following changes were made from the previous permit. See additional explanation of limits under "Explanation of Limits and Monitoring Requirements" below.

• Based on groundwater background, the Preventative Action Limits (PAL) for pH, organic nitrogen and total dissolved solids have been adjusted.

3.1.2 Explanation of Limits and Monitoring Requirements

Groundwater limits and requirements are determined in accordance with ch. NR 140, Wis. Adm. Code. Indicator parameter Preventive Action Limit (PAL) values are established per s. NR 140.20, Wis. Adm. Code.

For more information, please refer to the "Winter Wastewater Treatment Facility – Land Disposal System Evaluation Report, WPDES Permit # WI-0060089" memo dated August 6, 2024.

4 Land Application - Monitoring and Limitations

	Municipal Sludge Description							
Sample Point	Sludge Class (A or B)	Sludge Type (Liquid or Cake)	Pathogen Reduction MethodVector Attraction MethodReuse OptionAmount Reused/Disposed Tons/Year)					
002	2 B Liquid Sludge was last removed in 1984 and removal is not anticipated this permit term. If removal is needed see the land application and schedule sections of the permit for more information.							
Does sluc	dge manage	ement demonstra	te compliance? Yes					
Is addition	Is additional sludge storage required? No							
Is Radium-226 present in the water supply at a level greater than 2 pCi/liter? No, the most recent sample taken in 2017 were 0.6 pCi/liter.								
Is a prior	ity pollutan	t scan required?	No					

4.1 Sample Point Number: 002- From the stabilization ponds

	Mo	nitoring Requir	ements and Lir	nitations	
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Solids, Total		Percent	Once	Composite	
Arsenic Dry Wt	Ceiling	75 mg/kg	Once	Composite	
Arsenic Dry Wt	High Quality	41 mg/kg	Once	Composite	
Cadmium Dry Wt	Ceiling	85 mg/kg	Once	Composite	
Cadmium Dry Wt	High Quality	39 mg/kg	Once	Composite	
Copper Dry Wt	Ceiling	4,300 mg/kg	Once	Composite	
Copper Dry Wt	High Quality	1,500 mg/kg	Once	Composite	
Lead Dry Wt	Ceiling	840 mg/kg	Once	Composite	
Lead Dry Wt	High Quality	300 mg/kg	Once	Composite	
Mercury Dry Wt	Ceiling	57 mg/kg	Once	Composite	
Mercury Dry Wt	High Quality	17 mg/kg	Once	Composite	
Molybdenum Dry Wt	Ceiling	75 mg/kg	Once	Composite	
Nickel Dry Wt	Ceiling	420 mg/kg	Once	Composite	
Nickel Dry Wt	High Quality	420 mg/kg	Once	Composite	
Selenium Dry Wt	Ceiling	100 mg/kg	Once	Composite	
Selenium Dry Wt	High Quality	100 mg/kg	Once	Composite	
Zinc Dry Wt	Ceiling	7,500 mg/kg	Once	Composite	
Zinc Dry Wt	High Quality	2,800 mg/kg	Once	Composite	
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl		Percent	Per Application	Composite	
Nitrogen, Ammonia (NH3-N) Total		Percent	Per Application	Composite	
Phosphorus, Total		Percent	Per Application	Composite	
Phosphorus, Water Extractable		% of Tot P	Per Application	Composite	
Potassium, Total Recoverable		Percent	Per Application	Composite	
PCB Total Dry Wt	Ceiling	50 mg/kg	Once	Composite	See the Sludge Analysis for PCBs section.
PCB Total Dry Wt	High Quality	10 mg/kg	Once	Composite	See the Sludge Analysis for

	Monitoring Requirements and Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes	
					PCBs section.	
PFOA + PFOS		ug/kg	Once	Calculated	Report the sum of PFOA and PFOS. See PFAS Permit Sections for more information.	
PFAS Dry Wt			Once	Grab	Perfluoroalkyl and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances based on updated DNR PFAS List. See PFAS Permit Sections for more information.	

Sludge limitations and monitoring requirements were evaluated for this permit term and the following changes were made from the previous permit. See additional explanation of limits under "Explanation of Limits and Monitoring Requirements" below.

- List 1 (Metals) and PCB monitoring is required during the second year of the permit term (2026).
- Because it's recommended that List 2 (Nutrients) are monitored with the List 1 monitoring, they have been added to the table.
- Monitoring PFAS is required once pursuant to s. NR 204.06(2)(b)9., Wis. Adm. Code.
- Due to changes within the land application forms, the 3400-049 ("Characteristics Report"), 3400-052 ("Other Methods of Disposal") and 3400-055 (Annual Land Application") will need to be submitted each year.

4.1.2 Explanation of Limits and Monitoring Requirements

Requirements for disposal, including land application of municipal sludge, are determined in accordance with ch. NR 204, Wis. Adm. Code. Ceiling and high-quality limits for metals in sludge are specified in s. NR 204.07(5). Requirements for pathogens are specified in s. NR 204.07(6) and in s. NR 204.07 (7) for vector attraction requirements. Limitations for PCBs are addressed in s. NR 204.07(3)(k).

- List 2 Nutrient monitoring Monitoring for list 2 (nutrients) is highly recommended at the same time as the monitoring of List 1 (metals) in year 2 of the permit (2026). Results will assist in the determination of the acres needed for land application of sludge should it be necessary. The number of acres needed is also required for the Sludge Management Schedule (see schedules for more information).
- Change in form submittal In prior permit reissuances when it has been noted in the application that sludge would not be removed during the permit term, the department required sampling during the second year of the permit term and the sludge characteristic report (3400-049) would be generated only during that year. Due to moving to electronic submittal of forms via Switchboard, forms 3400-049 ("Characteristics Report"), 3400-052 ("Other Methods of Disposal") and 3400-055 ("Annual Land Application") will now be generated by the department and the permittee will be required to submit all three reports each year of the permit term. This change was adopted to provide the permittee flexibility because many lagoon desludging projects can be unexpected, are delayed or staggered over multiple years. Additionally, it is used to officially report that no land application of sludge has occurred, and annual submittal of the forms is required per the standard requirements section.

- Sludge analysis during the second year of the permit term has been included. There are check boxes available on the electronic forms to identify if desludging didn't occur.
- Sludge characteristics report (3400-049) at the top of the form check "yes" or "no" in the box identifying if any land application occurred that year. Complete the form if required or identify the year samples will be or have been taken in the comments section.
- 3400-052 ("Other Methods of Disposal") and 3400-055 ("Annual Land Application") The reports are technically 2 separate forms that are now combined in one location but separated onto two different tabs. If you answer "No" to both listed questions the forms are complete. If you need to answer "Yes" to either question the corresponding form tabs will go from gray to blue indicting information can be entered on the report.
- **PFAS** The presence and fate of PFAS in municipal and industrial sludges is an emerging public health concern. EPA is currently developing a risk assessment to determine future land application rates and expects to release this risk assessment by the end of 2024. In the interim, the department has developed the "Interim Strategy for Land Application of Biosolids and Industrial Sludges Containing PFAS."

Collecting sludge data on PFAS concentrations from a wide range of wastewater treatment facilities will help protect public health from exposure to elevated levels of PFAS and determine the department's implementation of EPA's recommendations. To quantitate this risk, PFAS sampling has been included in this WPDES permit pursuant to ss. NR 214.18(5)(b) and NR 204.06(2)(b)9., Wis. Adm. Code.

5 Schedules

5.1 Groundwater Monitoring Well Verification

Required Action	Due Date
Survey the groundwater monitoring wells: The survey should include the elevation of the top of casing (TOC) above msl for the wells. A measurement of the TOC above the ground surface should be measured and a calculated ground surface elevation reported. In addition, the total depth of each well should be measured and reported. A table of the measurements needs to be submitted to the department by the date due.	06/30/2025

5.1.1 Explanation of Schedule

Accurate well information is needed to ensure the requirements of NR 140 Wis. Adm. Code are met.

5.2 Land Treatment Management Plan

A management plan is required for the land treatment system.

Required Action	Due Date
Land Treatment Management Plan Submittal: Submit a management plan to optimize the land treatment system performance and demonstrate compliance with ch. NR 206, Wis. Adm. Code. The land treatment system shall be operated in accordance with the approved management plan.	06/30/2025

5.2.1 Explanation of Schedule

A management plan is a required to update the plan that will outline changes to the land treatment system that will further optimize the efficiencies of the system.

5.3 Sludge Management Plan

A management plan is required for the land treatment system.

Required Action	Due Date
Submit a Sludge Management Plan: The permittee shall submit an update to the management plan for approval if removal of sludge will occur during this permit term. The plan shall demonstrate compliance with ch. NR 204 Wis. Adm. Code and at minimum address 1) How and where is sludge sampled; 2) Available sludge storage details and location(s); 3)How will the sludge be removed with details on volume, characterization and how will the treatment plant continue to function during the drawdown; 4) Describe the type of transportation and spreading vehicles and loading and unloading practices; 5) Identify approved land application sites, apply for needed sites, site limitations, total acres needed and vegetative cover management; 6) Specify record keeping procedures including site loading; 7) Address contingency plans for adverse weather and odor/nuisance abatement; and 8) Include any other pertinent information such as other disposal options that may be used or specifications of any pretreatment processes	
Once approved, all sludge management activities shall be conducted in accordance with the plan. Any changes to the plan must be approved by the Department prior to implementing the changes. No desludging may occur unless approval from the Department is obtained. Daily logs shall be kept that record where the sludge has been disposed.	
The plan is due at least 60 days prior to desludging.	

5.3.1 Explanation of Schedule

If the lagoons are to be de-sludged during this permit term a management plan is needed to show compliance with ch. NR 204, Wis. Adm. Code. There are outlines available to assist in plan development.

Attachments

Water Flow Schematic created 2018

"Winter Wastewater Treatment Facility – Land Disposal System Evaluation Report, WPDES Permit # WI-0060089" memo dated August 6, 2024

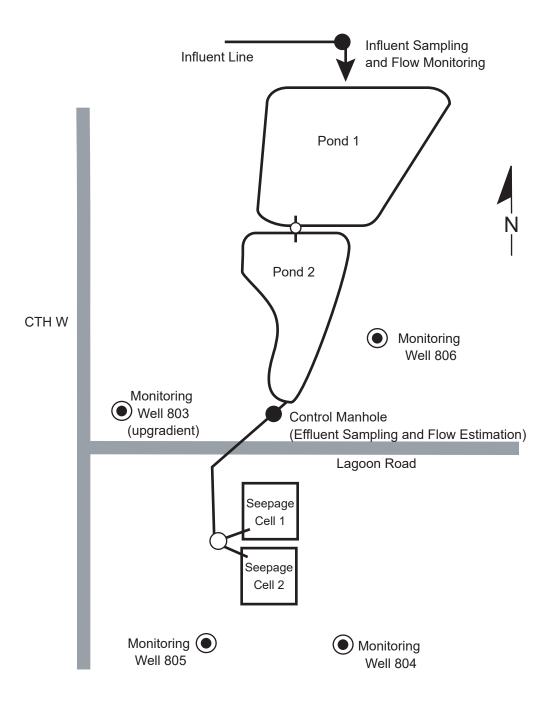
Justification Of Any Waivers From Permit Application Requirements

No waivers requested or granted as part of this permit reissuance.

Prepared By: Sheri A. Snowbank Wastewater Specialist **Date:** November 14, 2024

VILLAGE OF WINTER Wastewater Treatment Plant

The Winter Wastewater Treatment Facility consists of two stabilization ponds followed by two seepage cells. Effluent is discharged to the seepage cells once or twice each year. There are four monitoring wells around the perimeter of the system to sample groundwater impacts. The diagram below shows the treatment units and sampling locations.



Groundwater Monitoring Well

Sampling Point

Flow: 0.080 MGD BOD: 168 pounds/day Construction Year: 1984 DATE:

August 6, 2024

FILE REF: 7140

TO:

File

FROM:

Woody Myers - WCR

SUBJECT: Winter Wastewater Treatment Facility - Land Disposal System Evaluation Report,

WPDES Permit # WI-0060089

Site Information

The Winter wastewater treatment facility, a municipal facility, is located at Lagoon Road, Winter, Sawyer County. Wastewater is currently treated and discharged to groundwater via infiltration by way of absorption ponds (seepage cells) located in the NW 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 4, T39N, R05W, Town of Winter.

Land Disposal Effluent & Groundwater Evaluation Summary

Table 1 Land Disposal Outfall Sampling Point Parameters and Limits **Outfall 001 Absorption Ponds**

		t Permit 50089-10	Proposed Permit WI-0060089-11		
Parameter	Limits and Units	Limit Type	Limits and Units	Limit Type	
Flow Rate	- MGD		- MGD		
BOD ₅	50 mg/l	Monthly Avg	50 mg/l	Monthly Avg	
Total Suspended Solids	- mg/l		- mg/l		
pH, Field	- su		- su		
Nitrogen, Total Kjeldahl	- mg/l		- mg/l		
Nitrogen, Organic	- mg/l		- mg/l		
Nitrogen. Ammonia	- mg/l		- mg/l		
Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate	- mg/l		- mg/l		
Total Dissolved Solids	- mg/l		- mg/l		
Nitrogen, Total	- mg/l				
Chloride	- mg/l		- mg/l		

^{*} Proposed permit changes

Table 2 Monitoring Wells

Well		rent Permit 0060089-10	Proposed Permit WI-0060089-11		
	Well Location Well Designation		Well Location	Well Designation	
803 (MW803)	Up-gradient	Background	Up-gradient	Background	
804 (MW804)		Non-Point of Standard	*Down-gradient	Non-Point of Standard	
805 (MW805)	Down-gradient	Point of Standard	*Up-gradient	*Non-Point of Standard	
806 (MW806)	Down-gradient	Point of Standard	*Side-gradient	*Non-Point of Standard	

^{*} Proposed permit changes

Table 3 Groundwater Quality Standards

Parameter		t Permit 0089-10	Proposed WI-0060089-11		
	PAL	ES	PAL	ES	
Depth to Groundwater	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Groundwater Elevation	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate	2.0 mg/l	10.0 mg/l	2.0 mg/l	10.0 mg/l	
Chloride	125 mg/l	250 mg/l	mg/l	250 mg/l	
pH, Field	4.9-6.9 su	N/A	*4.7-6.7 su	N/A	
Nitrogen, Ammonia	0.97 mg/l	9.7 mg/l	0.97 mg/l	9.7 mg/l	
Nitrogen, Organic	2.3 mg/l	N/A	*2.5 mg/l	N/A	
Total Dissolved Solids	367 mg/l	N/A	*330 mg/l	N/A	

^{*} Proposed permit changes

Geology

The bedrock under this facility is the Flambeau Granite that consists of granite to tonalite with medium grained and strong foliation defined by biotite and hornblende. All of these rock units contain concentrically zoned plagioclase (*Bedrock Geology of Wisconsin, Regional Map Series Northwest Sheet*, Wisconsin Geological and Natural History Survey (WGNHS), 1987). Bedrock is anticipated to be between 100 and 200 feet below ground surface (bgs) (*Depth to Bedrock in Wisconsin*, WGNHS, 1973). The regolith consists of material ranging from fine gravel to sand. Surface soil primarily consists of the Antigo and Ossmer silt loams (USDA NRCS Web Soil Survey).

Hydrogeology

Calculated groundwater elevations range between 1323 and 1329 feet above mean sea level (msl). Depth to groundwater was reported to be between 6 and 25 feet bgs. Groundwater flow direction was calculated to be predominately to the east southeast with low confidence. This direction significantly differs from the direction calculated in the previous groundwater evaluation. Regional groundwater is to the southwest in this area of Sawyer County (*Mean Elevation of Water Table*, Map, United States Department of Interior, 1968). The site is approximately 1,925 feet west of Lake Winter. There are five wells (municipal, other than municipal, private and high-capacity) within a 1,500-foot range of this facility's groundwater discharge.

Land Disposal Effluent Quality and Loading Rates

The following table is the average flow (hydraulic loading), total nitrogen, ammonia, chloride and BOD₅ loading summations for the land disposal system.

Table 5 Land Treatment Disposal Loading Averages

Year	Flow (MGD)	Total Nitrogen (mg/l)	Ammonia (mg/l)	Chloride (mg/l)	BOD5 (mg/l)
2023	0.237	13.1	9.5	54	11.3
2022	0.222	9.9	8.5	54	3.3
2021	0.243	9.1	0.1	61	13.0
2020	0.328	12.0	8.7	44	8.6
2019	0.309	No Data	3.9	45	13.0

The magnitude and their trends are inconsistent omitting the chloride results. There was no reported data of total nitrogen for 2019.

Groundwater Monitoring System and Sampling Frequency

All parameters are analyzed for the dissolved phase in groundwater. Established groundwater quality standards are found in Table 1 Public Health Groundwater Quality Standards s. NR 140.10 Wis. Adm. Code, and Table 2 Public Welfare Groundwater Standards s. NR 140.12 Wis. Adm. Code. The thresholds of these standards are the Enforcement Standard (ES) and the Preventative Action Limit (PAL).

Table 6 Groundwater Monitoring Well Data

		Elevation (feet above msl)			sl)	Length (feet)		
Sample Point	Well Name	Casing Top	Ground Surface	Screen Top	Screen Bottom	Screen Length	Well Depth	Well Type
803	MW803	1348.12				10.0	31.1	
804	MW804	1344.87				10.0	28.9	
805	MW805	1333.38				10.0	17.4	
806	MW806	1349.30				10.0	31.0	

All measurements in feet

WT-Water table Observation P-Piezometer O-Other

Groundwater sampling results from this facility have been analyzed for each well to evaluate trends of the regulated compounds in groundwater and to calculate PALs for s. NR 140.22 Wis. Adm. Code Indicator Parameters and to evaluate potential exemptions under s. NR 140.28 Wis. Adm. Code. The groundwater was evaluated by looking at the groundwater data from March 26, 2018 – September 25, 2023.

Background Groundwater Quality

Background groundwater sampling results have been analyzed for each well to evaluate trends of the regulated compounds in groundwater and to calculate PALs and Alternative Concentration Limits (ACL) where appropriate. The groundwater was evaluated by looking at approximately five years of monitoring results. PALs and ACLs are calculated from this time range.

There were no PAL exceedances observed in the background groundwater quality and the trends for the results were stable.

Down-Gradient Groundwater Quality

The only compound that exceeded its PAL was ammonia. These exceedances were observed in groundwater monitoring wells 804 and 806. The exceedances were consistent in frequency and in magnitude. The ammonia results in well 804 have an increasing trend over time and well 806 have a stable trend.

Land Disposal System Impact to Groundwater Quality

Concentrations and trends in the groundwater monitoring data were compared to the loading data for the land disposal system. There is not a clear correlation between the effluent loading levels of ammonia and the groundwater monitoring results.

Proposed Groundwater Monitoring Requirements

Table 7 a & b Groundwater Quality Sampling Frequency and Limits Outfall 001 Permit WI-0060089-11

Sample Point	Well Name	Sample Frequency	Well Designation
803	MW801	Semi Annually	Background
804	MW802	Semi Annually	Non-point of standard
805	MW805	Semi Annually	Non-point of standard
806	MW806	Semi Annually	Non-point of standard
Parameter	PAL	ES	Source
Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate	2.0 mg/l	10.0 mg/l	NR 140 Table 1
Chloride	125 mg/l	250 mg/l	NR 140 Table 2
pH, Field	*4.7-6.7 su	N/A	Calculated
Nitrogen, Ammonia	0.97 mg/l	9.7 mg/l	NR 140 Table 1
Nitrogen, Organic	*2.5 mg/l	N/A	Calculated
Total Dissolved Solids	*330 mg/l	N/A	Calculated

Sample Point	Well Name	Sample Frequency	Well Designation
803	MW801	Quarterly	Background
804	MW802	Quarterly	Non-point of standard
805	MW805	Quarterly	Non-point of standard
806	MW806	Quarterly	Non-point of standard
Parameter	PAL	ES	Source
Depth to Groundwater	N/A	N/A	Measured
Groundwater Elevation	N/A	N/A	Measured

^{*} Proposed permit changes

Indicator Parameter PALs

Indicator Parameter PALs are developed following the procedures described in s. NR 140.20(2), Wis. Adm. Code. Indicator parameters do not have Enforcement Standards. The PAL for an indicator parameter is a benchmark for evaluating site specific trends. When significant increases in the trends are observed, the facility and the department's response action under s. NR 140.24 Wis. Adm. Code should be to investigate the source of the compound. The following equations were used to calculate the indicator parameter PALs:

 \sum [Mean of the background groundwater quality + Minimum Increase (NR 140.20 Table 3)] = PAL And for pH:

 \sum [Mean of the background groundwater quality ± 1 su] = upper and lower PAL

Alternative Concentration Limits

Alternative concentration Limits (ACLs) can be developed and provided for a groundwater monitoring system utilizing the procedures described in s. NR 140.28, Wis. Adm. Code. ACLs were calculated using the following equation:

 \sum [Mean of the background groundwater quality +(2) x Standard Deviation of Results] = ACL

Conclusions

The groundwater flow direction was calculated, but with low confidence. The reasoning maybe a combination of several factors, including a relatively flat piezometric surface, the area being surrounded by wetlands and the age of the groundwater monitoring wells. Because of this the determination of the well placement is uncertain. A survey of the groundwater monitoring wells will be required as a first step in addressing this concern. In addition, the measurement and subsequent calculation of the depth to groundwater and groundwater elevation frequency will be increased from semi-annually to quarterly. Groundwater sample analysis results will not be increased in frequency, these will remain semi-annual.

No changes in effluent sampling parameters or their associated limits are being recommended at this time.

Exemptions, including ACLs were evaluated for this facility and based on the background groundwater quality exemptions are not warranted.

The indicator parameter PALs for organic nitrogen and TDS were changed based on background groundwater quality. The PAL for organic nitrogen was increased from 2.3 to 2.5 mg/l and the PAL for TDS was reduced from 367 to 330 mg/l. The PAL range for pH was decreased from 4.9-6.9 su to 4.7-6.7 su.

Compliance Schedule Recommendations

The s. NR 206.07 (2)(h) 1. Wis. Adm. Code requires a land disposal management plan for facilities with land disposal systems. The facility should review their plan within 90 days of permit reissuance and any revisions should be submitted to the department for approval.

The groundwater monitoring wells should be surveyed. The new survey should include the elevation of the top of casing (TOC) above msl for the wells. A measurement of the TOC above the ground surface should be measured and a calculated ground surface elevation reported. In addition, the total depth of each well should be measured and reported. These tasks should be performed and reported to the department within 90 days of permit reissuance.

Appendix A

The following results were provided by the facility or their agent. The mean and standard deviation were calculated electronically.

we	II	param	unit	sample_date	result
80	3 MW 803	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	06/10/2019	45
	3 MW 803	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	10/29/2019	32
80	3 MW 803	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	06/17/2020	34
80	3 MW 803	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	10/14/2020	39
80	3 MW 803	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2021	50
80	3 MW 803	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	11/22/2021	39
80	3 MW 803	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2022	35
80	3 MW 803	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	11/07/2022	28
80	3 MW 803	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	07/19/2023	40
80	3 MW 803	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	12/06/2023	45
				Mean	38.7
			Sta	andard Deviation	6.356886
80:	3 MW 803	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	06/10/2019 <	0.1
	3 MW 803	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	10/29/2019 <	0.1
	3 MW 803	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	06/17/2020 <	0.1
	3 MW 803	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	10/14/2020 <	0.1
	3 MW 803	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2021 <	0.1
	3 MW 803	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	11/22/2021 <	0.1
	8 MW 803	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2022	2.4
	3 MW 803	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	11/07/2022 <	0.1
80	3 MW 803	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	07/19/2023 <	0.1
80	3 MW 803	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	12/06/2023 <	0.1
			_	Mean	0.33
			Sta	andard Deviation	0.69
80:	3 MW 803	Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	06/10/2019	0.3
	3 MW 803	Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	10/29/2019	0.4
	3 MW 803	Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	06/17/2020	0.2
	3 MW 803	Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	10/14/2020	0.3
	8 MW 803	Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2021	0.3
803	3 MW 803	Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	11/22/2021	0.3
803	3 MW 803	Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2022	0.4
803	3 MW 803	Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	11/07/2022	0.4
803	3 MW 803	Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	07/19/2023	0.4
803	3 MW 803	Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	12/06/2023	0.35
		-		Mean	0.335
			Sta	andard Deviation	0.063443

well 803 MW 803 803 MW 803 803 MW 803 803 MW 803 803 MW 803	param Nitrogen, Organic Dissolved	unit mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	sample_date 06/10/2019 < 10/29/2019 < 06/17/2020 < 10/14/2020 < 06/22/2021 <	result 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5
803 MW 803	Nitrogen, Organic Dissolved	mg/L	11/22/2021 <	0.5
803 MW 803	Nitrogen, Organic Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2022 <	0.5
803 MW 803 803 MW 803	Nitrogen, Organic Dissolved Nitrogen, Organic Dissolved	mg/L	11/07/2022 <	0.5
803 MW 803	Nitrogen, Organic Dissolved	mg/L mg/L	07/19/2023 < 12/06/2023 <	0.5 0.5
	ranogen, engame bioconted	IIIg/L	Mean	0.5
		Sta	andard Deviation	0.0
803 MW 803	pH Field	su	06/10/2019	5.3
803 MW 803	pH Field	su	10/29/2019	6
803 MW 803	pH Field	su	06/17/2020	5.5
803 MW 803	pH Field	su	10/14/2020	6
803 MW 803	pH Field	su	06/22/2021	5.9
803 MW 803 803 MW 803	pH Field pH Field	su	11/22/2021	5.5
803 MW 803	pH Field	su su	06/22/2022 11/07/2022	5.5
803 MW 803	pH Field	su	07/19/2023	5.7 5.5
803 MW 803	pH Field	su	12/06/2023	5.7
	·		Mean	5.66
902 MMM 902	Colido Total Dissalvad	,,	0044040040	
803 MW 803 803 MW 803	Solids, Total Dissolved Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	06/10/2019	145
803 MW 803	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L mg/L	10/29/2019 06/17/2020	100 99
803 MW 803	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	10/14/2020	122
803 MW 803	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2021	174
803 MW 803	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	11/22/2021	151
803 MW 803	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2022	114
803 MW 803	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	11/07/2022	100
803 MW 803	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	07/19/2023	137
803 MW 803	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	12/06/2023	144
			Mean	128.6
		Sta	ndard Deviation	24.3072
804 MW 804	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	06/10/2019	53
804 MW 804	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	10/29/2019	35
804 MW 804	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	06/17/2020	31
804 MW 804	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	10/14/2020	18
804 MW 804	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2021	35
804 MW 804 804 MW 804	Chloride Dissolved Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	11/22/2021	24
804 MW 804	Chloride Dissolved Chloride Dissolved	mg/L mg/L	06/22/2022 11/07/2022	52 33
804 MW 804	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	07/19/2023	33 29
804 MW 804	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	12/06/2023	43
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well		param	unit	sample_date	result
804 MV	V 804	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	06/10/2019	1.2
804 MV		Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	10/29/2019	1.2
804 MV		Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	06/17/2020	1.4
804 MV		Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	10/14/2020	1.4
804 MV		Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2021 <	0.1
804 MV	V 804	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	11/22/2021	2
804 MV	V 804	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2022 <	0.1
804 MV	V 804	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	11/07/2022	2.9
804 MV	V 804	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	07/19/2023	3.3
804 MV	V 804	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	12/06/2023	3.7
804 MV	V 804	Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	06/10/2019	0.2
804 MV		Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	10/29/2019	1.2
804 MV		Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	06/17/2020	0.1
804 MV		Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	10/14/2020	0.2
804 MV		Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2021	0.3
804 MV		Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	11/22/2021	0.2
804 MV		Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2022	0.3
804 MW		Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	11/07/2022	0.2
804 MW		Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	07/19/2023 12/06/2023	0.85 0.33
804 MW	V 804	Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	12/00/2023	0.33
804 MV	V 804	Nitrogen, Organic Dissolved	mg/L	06/10/2019	0.6
804 MW	V 804	Nitrogen, Organic Dissolved	mg/L	10/29/2019	0.6
804 MW	V 804	Nitrogen, Organic Dissolved	mg/L	06/17/2020 <	0.5
804 MW		Nitrogen, Organic Dissolved	mg/L	10/14/2020 <	0.5
804 MW		Nitrogen, Organic Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2021 <	0.5
804 MW		Nitrogen, Organic Dissolved	mg/L	11/22/2021	2
804 MW		Nitrogen, Organic Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2022	3.2
804 MV		Nitrogen, Organic Dissolved	mg/L	11/07/2022	0.8
804 MW		Nitrogen, Organic Dissolved	mg/L	07/19/2023 <	0.5
804 MW	V 804	Nitrogen, Organic Dissolved	mg/L	12/06/2023	0.8
804 MW	√ 804	pH Field	su	06/10/2019	5.8
804 MV		pH Field	su	10/29/2019	6.7
804 MW		pH Field	su	06/17/2020	5.5
804 MW		pH Field	su	10/14/2020	6
804 MW		pH Field	su	06/22/2021	6.5
804 MV		pH Field	su	11/22/2021	6
804 MW		pH Field	su	06/22/2022	6
804 MW		pH Field	su	11/07/2022	6.3
804 MW		pH Field	su	07/19/2023	6.1
804 MV	v 804	pH Field	su	12/06/2023	6.2

well	param	unit	sample_date	result
804 MW 804	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	06/10/2019	246
804 MW 804	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	10/29/2019	187
804 MW 804	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	06/17/2020	209
804 MW 804	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	10/14/2020	163
804 MW 804	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2021	216
804 MW 804	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	11/22/2021	187
804 MW 804	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2022	207
804 MW 804	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	11/07/2022	177
804 MW 804	Solids, Total Dissolved	_		
804 MW 804		mg/L	07/19/2023	189
004 10100 004	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	12/06/2023	215
805 MVV 805	Chloride Dissolved	ma/l	06/10/2019	2
805 MW 805	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L		3
		mg/L	10/29/2019	3
805 MW 805	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	06/17/2020	4
805 MW 805	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	10/14/2020	4
805 MW 805	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2021	9
805 MW 805	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	11/22/2021	13
805 MW 805	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2022	8
805 MW 805	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	11/07/2022	. 15
805 MW 805	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	07/19/2023	8
805 MW 805	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L	12/06/2023	5
805 MW 805	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	06/10/2019 <	0.1
805 MW 805	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	10/29/2019 <	0.1
805 MW 805	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	06/17/2020 <	0.1
805 MW 805	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	10/14/2020 <	0.1
805 MW 805	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2021 <	0.1
805 MW 805	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	11/22/2021	0.5
805 MW 805	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2022	3.3
805 MW 805	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	11/07/2022	0.4
805 MW 805	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	_	07/19/2023 <	
805 MW 805		mg/L		0.1
003 10100 003	Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	mg/L	12/06/2023 <	0.1
805 MW 805	Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	06/10/2019	2.2
805 MW 805	Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	10/29/2019	0.3
805 MW 805	Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	06/17/2020	1
805 MW 805	Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	10/14/2020	0.5
805 MW 805	Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2021	0.6
805 MW 805	Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	11/22/2021 <	0.0
805 MW 805	Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	-	06/22/2021	
805 MW 805	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	mg/L		0.8
805 MW 805	Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	11/07/2022 <	0.1
	Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	07/19/2023	0.47
805 MW 805	Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L	12/06/2023	1.55

well 805 MW 805 805 MW 805	param Nitrogen, Organic Dissolved	unit mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	sample_date 06/10/2019 < 10/29/2019 < 06/17/2020 < 10/14/2020 06/22/2021 11/22/2021 06/22/2022 < 11/07/2022 < 07/19/2023 < 12/06/2023	result 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.
805 MW 805 805 MW 805	pH Field	su su su su su su su su	06/10/2019 10/29/2019 06/17/2020 10/14/2020 06/22/2021 11/22/2021 06/22/2022 11/07/2022 07/19/2023 12/06/2023	5 5.6 4.7 5 5.6 5.5 4.9 5.2 4.7 5
805 MW 805 805 MW 805	Solids, Total Dissolved Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	06/10/2019 10/29/2019 06/17/2020 10/14/2020 06/22/2021 11/22/2021 06/22/2022 11/07/2022 07/19/2023 12/06/2023	77 69 209 60 107 169 53 66 71 79
806 MW 806 806 MW 806	Chloride Dissolved	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	06/10/2019 10/29/2019 06/17/2020 10/14/2020 06/22/2021 11/22/2021 06/22/2022 11/07/2022 07/19/2023 12/06/2023	38 51 31 40 41 48 45 52 51

well 806 MW 806 806 MW 806	param Nitrogen, Ammonia Dissolved	unit mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	sample_date	result 3.9 4.2 3.1 3.1 3.1 4.2 0.1 3.6 2.5 3.1
806 MW 806 806 MW 806	Nitrogen, Nitrite + Nitrate (as N) Dissolved	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	06/10/2019 10/29/2019 06/17/2020 < 10/14/2020 06/22/2021 11/22/2021 06/22/2022 11/07/2022 07/19/2023 12/06/2023	1.3 0.1 0.1 0.6 0.8 1.3 0.5 0.78 0.19
806 MW 806 806 MW 806	Nitrogen, Organic Dissolved Nitrogen, Organic Dissolved	mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L mg/L	06/10/2019 10/29/2019 06/17/2020 10/14/2020 06/22/2021 11/22/2021 06/22/2022 11/07/2022 07/19/2023 <	0.7 0.5 0.5 0.5 0.7 0.8 4.3 1.1 0.5
806 MW 806 806 MW 806	pH Field	su su su su su su su su su	06/10/2019 10/29/2019 06/17/2020 10/14/2020 06/22/2021 11/22/2021 06/22/2022 11/07/2022 07/19/2023 12/06/2023	5.9 6.8 5.8 6 6.5 6 6.1 6.2 5.9 6.5

well	param	unit	sample_date	result
806 MW 806	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	06/10/2019	217
806 MW 806	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	10/29/2019	229
806 MW 806	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	06/17/2020	159
806 MW 806	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	10/14/2020	206
806 MW 806	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2021	241
806 MW 806	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	11/22/2021	241
806 MW 806	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	06/22/2022	193
806 MW 806	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	11/07/2022	218
806 MW 806	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	07/19/2023	224
806 MW 806	Solids, Total Dissolved	mg/L	12/06/2023	238
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