

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0030660-10-0

Permittee: FONKS HOME CENTER, INC. - HICKORY HAVEN, 15941 Durand Ave, Union Grove, WI, 53182

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: FONKS HOME CENTER, INC. - HICKORY HAVEN, 4915 Schoen Road

Receiving Water And Location: Unnamed Tributary to the Des Plaines River (Des Plaines River Watershed, Des Plaines River Basin), Racine County

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: Fonks Hickory Haven has a 0.031 MGD design flow wastewater treatment plant which serves a 125-site, single home community located near Union Grove in Racine County on Schoen Road. Wastewater treatment includes grit removal, two aeration tanks in parallel with polyaluminum chloride (PAC) addition to the splitter box before aeration for chemical phosphorus removal, waste and return activated sludge piping, two biosolids storage tanks, a final clarifier, and post aeration. Return activated sludge is pumped from the bottom of the clarifier back to the head of the aeration basins. Waste activated sludge is pumped four times per week to biosolids storage. Effluent is discharged to an unnamed tributary that is located about 1,500 feet east of the WWTF and biosolids are hauled by a contract hauler to a separate, permitted, facility for disposal.

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: Jacob Van Susteren-Wedeky, 1027 W St Paul Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53233, (414) 239-1480, jacob.vansusterenwedeky@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.

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.

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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