

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0022225-09-0

Permittee: VILLAGE OF ARGYLE, P O Box 246, Argyle, WI, 53504

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Argyle Wastewater Treatment Facility, 101 MILL STREET, ARGYLE, WISCONSIN

Receiving Water and Location: East Branch of Pecatonica River, West bank of Pecatonica River, approx. ¼ mile from bridge in the Village.

Brief Facility Description: The Village of Argyle operates a wastewater treatment facility that serves a population of approximately 900 residents with no major industry. Treatment consists of headworks, activated sludge (extended aeration), final clarification and ultraviolet disinfection. The plant treats approximately 50,000 – 100,000 gallons of wastewater per day and the design flow is 183,000 gallons per day. Sludge that is produced is aerobically digested, stored on-site and land spread on department approved sites.

Summary of Proposed Changes: An additional Fecal Coliform limit of 656 #/100 mL as a weekly geometric mean has been added. The interim phosphorus limit has been lowered from 5.0 mg/L to 4.7 mg/L. The new timeframe for monitoring for chloride is the fourth year of the permit term, calendar year 2020.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Sean Spencer, DNR, SC Region HQ, 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd, Fitchburg, WI, 53711, (608) 275-7775, Sean.Spencer@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Nathan Wells, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711, (608) 275-3474, Nathan.Wells@Wisconsin.gov

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

Issues to be Considered at the Hearing: Variance to the Water Quality Based Effluent limit for Phosphorus.

Date, Time, and Location of Hearing: October 8, 2019, 10:00 AM, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road Fitchburg, WI 53711

Hearing Officer: Sean Spencer, DNR, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road Fitchburg, WI 53711, 608-275-7775

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 Phosphorus Variance: The Department has determined that a water quality-based effluent limitation (WQBEL) for phosphorus is needed in this permit to protect water quality. As allowed under s. 283.15, Wis. Stats., Variance to Water Quality Standard the permittee has requested a variance to the phosphorus WQBEL. In support of this request, the permittee has submitted documentation intended to demonstrate eligibility for the variance based on applicable factors. The Department concurs with the demonstration; however, this concurrence is subject to US EPA approval before the variance limit may be included in the final reissued permit. In an effort to achieve phosphorus effluent reductions that are practically and economically achievable within the term of the proposed permit, the Department and permittee have mutually agreed upon specific permit conditions that include a variance limitation, monitoring of phosphorus at the frequency described in the permit and submittal of reports on source reduction measures oriented toward attainment of the phosphorus water quality standard. The designated use of the receiving water will not change as a result of the variance.

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. 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, 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 (608) 275-7775 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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