

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL HEARING AND INTENT TO ISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0022292-09-0

Permittee: VILLAGE OF SOUTH WAYNE, P O Box 305, South Wayne, WI, 53587

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: South Wayne Wastewater Treatment Facility, STH "11", SOUTH WAYNE, WISCONSIN

Receiving Water And Location: Pecatonica River (Lower Pecatonica River Watershed, SP07 – Sugar-Pecatonica River Basin) in Lafayette County West bank of Pecatonica River approx. 2.5 miles downstream of Hwy 176 bridge. SE ¼ of NW ¼, Section 11, T1N, R5E Lat.: 42.57291°N Long.:89.86794°W

Brief Facility Description : The Village of South Wayne operates a wastewater treatment facility (upgraded in 1998) that serves a population of 477. The facility consists of a headworks, activated sludge (extended aeration), final clarification and seasonal disinfection/dichlorination. The treatment plant treats approximately 37,000 gallons of wastewater per day on an annual average with a design flow of 0.069 MGD. Sludge from the treatment process is aerobically digested, stored and land spread seasonally as needed on DNR approved land. For this permit term, the permittee has requested an individual phosphorus variance. The Department found the facility to be in substantial compliance with the current permit.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Jennifer Jerich, DNR, Horicon Service Center, N7725 Hwy 28, Horicon, WI, 53032, (920) 387-7886, Jennifer.Jerich@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 issued for this new discharge.

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.

Hearing Date, Time, and Location: **October 01, 2019 10:30 AM Fitchburg Wisconsin DNR Service Center, Gathering Waters Room, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road Fitchburg, WI 53711**

Hearing Officer: Jennifer Jerich, DNR, Horicon Service Center, N7725 Hwy 28, Horicon, WI, 53032, (920) 387-7886, Jennifer.Jerich@wisconsin.gov

The Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to Section 283.49, Wisconsin Statutes, 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 insure 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 (920) 387-7886 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.

NAME OF PUBLISHING NEWSPAPER: Republican Journal

ADDRESS OF PUBLISHING NEWSPAPER: 316 Main St., Darlington, WI 53530

Date Notice Issued: August 15, 2019