

General information

Public comment period begins: August 22, 2022
Public comment period ends: October 24, 2022 (4:30 p.m.)
Current permit issued: November 16, 2012
Current permit expiration date: October 31, 2017

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to reissue this permit for a term of approximately five years.

Name and address of Permittee:

City of Olivia
1009 West Lincoln Avenue
Olivia, MN 56277

Facility name and location:

Olivia Wastewater Treatment Plant
2020 Bayberry Avenue West
Olivia, MN 56277
Renville County
T115N, R35W, Section 013

MPCA contact person:

Marcell Mikkelson
Municipal Division
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, MN 55155
Phone: 651-757-2134
Email: marcell.mikkelson@state.mn.us

File manager phone: 651-757-2728 or
1-844-828-0942

A draft permit and supporting documentation are available for review on the MPCA Public Notices webpage at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publicnotices>. Additional materials relating to the issuance of this permit are available for inspection by appointment at any MPCA office (<https://www.pca.state.mn.us/about-mpca/mpca-offices>) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The MPCA will mail or email a copy of the draft permit upon request. Comments, petitions, and other requests must be received at the MPCA on or before the public comment period end date and time identified above.

Watershed: Minnesota River - Yellow Medicine River

Receiving water: Beaver Creek, East Fork - Class 7, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water

Description of permitted facility

The Olivia Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility) is located at NW ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 13,

Township 115 North, Range 35 West, Troy Township, Renville County, Minnesota.

This Class B activated sludge wastewater treatment facility includes a collection system, lift stations, bar screen, aerated grit basin, screen building with grit dewatering and screened solids storage, three primary clarifiers, two aeration tanks, air compressors and blower building, two final clarifiers, chlorine contact tank, dechlorination (with sulfur dioxide), a Parshall flume, primary and secondary anaerobic sludge digesters, phosphorus removal (with ferric chloride) and a sludge storage tank. It is designed to treat an average wet weather (AWW) design flow of 0.98 million gallons per day (MGD) with a five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD₅) strength of 201 milligrams per liter (mg/L). The biosolids generated by the Facility are land applied on approved sites.

The Facility has a continuous discharge through discharge station SD 002 to the East Fork of Beaver Creek (class 7, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, and 6 waters), to downstream reaches of the East Fork of Beaver Creek (class 2B, 3B, 4A, 4B, 5 and 6 waters).

The Facility is further described in a facilities plan dated April 19, 1978, and in plans and specifications, both by the firm of Bonestroo Rosene Anderlik and Associates, St. Paul, Minnesota, and in a plans and specifications approval letter dated October 15, 1981. The sludge storage tank is further described in plans and specifications by the firm of Bolton and Menk, Inc., Burnsville, Minnesota, dated March 26, 1997, and in a plans and specifications approval letter dated June 11, 1997.

The preliminary determination to reissue this Wastewater permit is tentative.

Procedure for public participation

As stated in Minn. R. chs. 7000 and 7001, there are three formal procedures for public participation in the MPCA's consideration of this matter. Interested persons may:

- (1) Submit written comments on the draft permit.
- (2) Petition the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting.
- (3) Petition the MPCA to hold a contested case hearing.

Submitting written comments

Comments may be submitted by:

- (1) Online at www.pca.state.mn.us/publiccomments.com
- (2) US Mail to the following address:

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
c/o Marcell Mikkelson
520 Lafayette Road
Saint Paul, Minnesota 55155

To submit comments or petitions to the MPCA through the mail, you must state:

- (1) Your interest in the permit application or the draft permit.
- (2) The action you wish the MPCA to take, including specific references to the section of the draft permit you believe should be changed.
- (3) The reasons supporting your position, stated with sufficient specificity as to allow the MPCA to investigate the merits of the position.

Public informational meeting

A public informational meeting is an informal meeting during which interested persons can ask questions concerning the proposed facility. MPCA staff will be present to provide information. If an interested person would like the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting, the person should include all information identified above and in addition include a statement of the reasons the person desires the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting and the issues that the person would like the agency to address at the public informational meeting.

Contested Case Hearing

A contested case hearing is a formal proceeding before an administrative law judge empowered to advise the MPCA regarding issues of fact. As described in Minn. R. 7000.1800, persons who submit petitions for a contested case hearing must also state the issues they propose to address in a contested case hearing, the specific relief requested or resolution of the matter, and the reasons (which may be in the form of proposed findings) supporting an MPCA decision to hold a contested case hearing. Failure to comply with these rules exactly may result in a denial of the request. To the extent known, the petitioner may also submit a list of prospective witnesses to be called at a hearing, a proposed list of publications, references, or studies to be introduced at a hearing and the approximate time required for the petitioner to present the matter at a hearing. The decision whether to hold a contested case hearing will be made under Minn. R. 7000.1900.