

## General information

**Public comment period begins:** August 24, 2022

**Public comment period ends:** October 24, 2022

**Current permit issued:** June 9, 2011

**Current permit expiration date:** May 31, 2016

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:**

Dover Eyota St. Charles Area  
Sanitary District  
P.O. Box 396  
St. Charles, MN 55972-0396

**Facility name and location:**

Whitewater River Regional Wastewater  
Treatment Facility  
303 North Richland Avenue  
St. Charles, MN 55972  
Winona County  
T106N, R10W, Section 17

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A draft permit and fact sheet 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 in writing on or before the public comment period end date and time identified above.

**Watershed:** Mississippi River - Winona

**Receiving water:** Whitewater River, South Fork - Class 2Bg, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water

## Description of permitted facility

The Whitewater River Regional Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility) is located at 303 North Richland Avenue, St. Charles, Minnesota 55972, Winona County.

The application and plans indicate that the existing treatment system consists of interceptor sewers serving Dover, Eyota, and St. Charles, consisting of 53,489 feet of 15-inch, 18-inch, and 21-inch sanitary sewer, and a wastewater treatment facility consisting of a fine screen, mechanical bar screen, vortex grit chamber and classifier, two oxidation ditches, two 52-foot diameter final clarifiers, a chlorine contact tank, sulfur dioxide for dechlorination, and a sludge storage basin. This Facility is a Class B.

The Facility has a continuous discharge (SD 001) to the South Fork of the Whitewater River (Class 2Bg, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water), and a calculated average wet weather (AWW) design flow of 1.12 million gallons per day (MGD), a calculated average dry weather (ADW) design flow of 0.654 MGD, an average annual design flow of 0.800 MGD, and a five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD<sub>5</sub>) strength of 242 milligrams per liter (mg/L) at the AWW design flow.

The Facility is further described in the facility plans on file with the MPCA, which were prepared by Harry C. Grounds, Sanitary Engineer Consultant, St. Paul, Minnesota (for the treatment facility), dated April 22, 1975 and by Wallace-Holland-Kastler-Schmitz and Company, Rochester, Minnesota (for the interceptor sewers), dated April 24, 1975.

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](http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publiccomments)
- (2) US Mail to the following address:

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
c/o Laura Geyen  
520 Lafayette Road  
Saint Paul, MN 55155

To submit comments or petitions online or by mail to the MPCA, 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.