

General information

Public comment period begins: September 2, 2022

Public comment period ends: November 1, 2022

Current permit issued: June 28, 2012

Current permit expiration date: May 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 Brownsville
PO Box 138
104 North 6th Street
Brownsville, MN 55919-0138

Facility name and location:

Brownsville Wastewater Treatment
Facility
402 Hamilton Street
Brownsville, MN 55919
Houston County
T103N, R04W, Section 026

MPCA contact person:

Nancy Heskett
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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
7381 Airport View Drive SW
Rochester, MN 55902
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File manager phone: 651-757-2728 or
844-828-0942

A draft permit is 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/contact-us>) 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 U.S. Mail comments must be received by 4:30 p.m.

Watershed: Mississippi River - Reno

Receiving water: Mississippi River - Class 2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water

Description of permitted facility

The application and plans indicate that the existing treatment system consists of 750 feet of 8-inch force main interceptor, influent flow monitoring, two bar screens, four double-compartment septic tanks, a recirculation wet well with two 320 gallons per minute pumps, four sand bed media filters with underdrains, ultraviolet (UV) disinfection, effluent flow monitoring, and approximately 2,900 feet of 8-inch outfall line. There are no bypass points known to exist in the disposal system. This is a Class C facility.

The Facility has a continuous discharge (Monitoring Station SD 001, Total Facility Discharge) to the Mississippi River (Class 2Bg, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 receiving water) and is designed to treat an influent flow of approximately 0.049 million gallons per day (MGD) average dry weather flow (ADW); 0.055 MGD average wet weather flow (AWW); 0.099 MGD peak hourly wet-weather flow (PHWW); approximately 110 pounds of biochemical oxygen demand per day; and approximately 130 pounds of total suspended solids per day prior to discharge into the Mississippi River. The Facility is further described in approved plans and specifications on file with the MPCA, submitted by the firm of Davy Engineering Company and dated April 19, 2007.

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:

- 1) Online at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publiccomments>; or
- 2) By U.S. postal mail to the following address:
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
c/o Nancy Heskett
7381 Airport View Drive SW
Rochester, MN 55902

Submitted comments or petitions 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.