

## General information

**Public comment period begins:** September 6, 2022  
**Public comment period ends:** November 7, 2022 (4:30 p.m.)  
**Current permit issued:** August 1, 2017  
**Current permit expiration date:** July 31, 2022

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to reissue this permit for a term of approximately 10 years.

**Name and address of Permittee:**

City of Loretto  
PO Box 207  
Loretto, MN 55357-0207

**Facility name and location:**

Loretto Wastewater Treatment Facility  
215 Albert Street  
Loretto, MN 55357  
Hennepin County  
T118N, R23W, Section 007

**MPCA contact person:**

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1-844-828-0942

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/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:** South Fork Crow River

## Description of permitted facility

The facility is a Class D.

The facility consists of a lift station, two aerated pond cells, and a stabilization pond before conveyance by forcemain to the Metropolitan Council Environmental Service's Blue Lake Wastewater Treatment Facility. The two aerated ponds have a surface area of one acre each and the stabilization pond has a surface area of 4.9 acres. The facility will only be used as equalization and wet weather storage for the Metropolitan Council sanitary sewer system.

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 Rachel Tucker  
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.