

## General information

**Public comment period begins:** October 27, 2022

**Public comment period ends:** December 27, 2022

**Current permit issued:** March 12, 2013

**Current permit expiration date:** February 28, 2018

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 Keewatin  
PO Box 190  
Keewatin, MN 55753-0190

**Facility name and location:**

Keewatin Wastewater Treatment Facility  
415 S 1st St  
Keewatin, MN 55753  
Itasca County  
T057N, R22W, Section 025

**MPCA contact person:**

Stephanie Lyons  
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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
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Duluth, MN 55802  
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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 - Grand Rapids

**Receiving water:** Welcome Creek - Class 2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water

## Description of Keewatin Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility)

This is a Class B facility.

The Facility has a continuous discharge (SD002) to Welcome Creek (Class 2C, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 Water) and is designed to treat an average wet weather (AWW) flow of 180,000 gallons per day (gpd) with a 5-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD<sub>5</sub>) strength of 154 milligrams per liter (mg/L).

There is one bypass point that is capable of discharging untreated wastewater to Welcome Creek. This point is located prior to the bar screens and is manually controlled and locked. There are no other bypass or overflow points known to exist in this treatment system.

The Facility is further described in plans and specifications on file with the MPCA and in a Facility Plan by John Baker Engineering, Inc., Chisholm, Minnesota.

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 Stephanie Lyons  
525 Lake Ave S, Ste 400  
Duluth, MN 55802

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.