

General information

Public comment period begins: December 14, 2022

Public comment period ends: February 14, 2023

Current permit issued: July 1, 2014

Current permit expiration date: June 30, 2019

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 Sauk Centre
320 Oak Street South
Sauk Centre, MN 56378-1252

Facility name and location:

Sauk Centre Wastewater Treatment Facility
7 12th Street South
Sauk Centre, MN 56378
Stearns County
T126N, R34W, Section 015

MPCA contact person:

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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
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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: Sauk River

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

Description of permitted facility

The existing facility has a continuous discharge from station SD001. The facility is a Class A.

The facility is designed to treat:

- An average wet weather (AWW) flow of 0.888 million gallons per day (MGD)
- An average dry weather (ADW) flow of 0.431 MGD
- A peak hourly wet weather (PHWW) flow of 2.652 MGD
- Five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD5) of 1094 pounds per day (lbs/d)
- Total suspended solids (TSS) of 1360 lbs/d
- Total phosphorus (TP) of 40 lbs/d
- Total nitrogen (TN) of 161 lbs/d

The Facility consists of a raw sewage lift station, preliminary treatment building that houses a manual bar screen, rotary fine screen, vortex grit removal, chemical storage room and sludge pumps. Wastewater flows from the preliminary treatment building into two aeration basins with fine bubble diffused aeration followed by two 45-foot diameter final clarifiers. Effluent flows through two ultraviolet disinfection banks prior to cascade aeration and discharge to the Sauk River. Alum addition points are located in the preliminary treatment building and in the final clarifier splitter structure. Bleach tablets are added to the return sludge for filamentous bacteria control as needed. The solids are thickened by a dissolved air flotation thickener (DAFT) and stored in sludge storage tanks with lime addition prior to land application. The DAFT building also contains an office and laboratory.

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 Rachel Tucker
520 Lafayette Rd N
St. Paul, MN 55155-4194

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.