

General information

Public comment period begins: September 28, 2023

Public comment period ends: November 27, 2023

Current permit issued: October 5, 2012

Current permit expiration date: September 30, 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 Osakis
PO Box 486
Osakis, MN 56360-0486

Facility name and location:

Osakis Wastewater Treatment Facility
14 Nokomis St W
Osakis, MN 56360
Douglas County
T128N, R36W, Section 035

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844-828-0942

A draft permit is available for review on the MPCA Public Notices webpage at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/public-comments>. 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: Clifford - Class 2D, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water

Description of Osakis Wastewater Treatment Facility

The Facility is designed for controlled discharges out of both secondary ponds (SD 002) to Clifford Wetland (Class 2D, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water). This is a Class D facility.

The Facility is designed to treat:

- An average wet weather (AWW) flow of 0.293 million gallons per day (MGD)
- five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD₅) of 148 milligrams per liter (mg/L)

The existing treatment system consists of one main lift station, approximately 8,300 feet of eight and 12" force main, a four-cell stabilization pond system, and approximately 2,800 feet of outfall pipe. The primary ponds are 13.4 acres each and the secondary ponds are 21.2 acres and 6.2 acres, all measured at a mean operating depth of four feet. The Facility provides a total detention time of 180 days at design flow. Treatment for the removal of phosphorus is provided by the addition of alum to the secondary ponds prior to each discharge event.

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 <https://mpca.commentinput.com/comment/search>; or
- 2) By U.S. postal mail to the following address:
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
c/o Laura Lacquement
714 Lake Avenue Suite 220
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

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.