

General information

Public comment period begins: October 23, 2023

Public comment period ends: December 22, 2023

Current permit issued: June 1, 2018

Current permit expiration date: May 31, 2023

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 Millerville
16655 County Rd 7 NW
Brandon, MN 56315-8258

Facility name and location:

Millerville Wastewater Treatment Facility
County Road 60
Millerville, MN 56315
Douglas County
T130N, R39W, Section 023

MPCA contact person:

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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: Chippewa River

Receiving water: Unnamed ditch - Class 2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water

Description of Millerville Wastewater Treatment Facility

The existing facility has a controlled discharge (SD 001) to County Ditch No 4 (Class 2B, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 Water) which leads to the Chippewa River. The facility also has one 32-acre spray irrigation site (LA 301). This is a Class D facility.

The facility is designed to treat:

- an average wet weather flow of 0.0195 million gallons per day, and
- five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand of 211 milligrams per liter.

The facility consists of 54 septic tanks, one main lift station, 3,400 feet of four-inch force main, one 1.35-acre primary pond and one 1.35-acre secondary pond, measured at the mean operating depth. The connected septic tanks discharge primary treated wastewater to the two-cell stabilization pond system. The treated effluent is primarily spray irrigated. Treated effluent can also be discharged through the facility's surface discharge outfall when conditions require this. The facility shall only discharge via SD 001 when the spray irrigation site cannot handle more flow due to saturation or when there is the potential for crop failure due to high flows/precipitation. The septic tanks are cleaned routinely with the septage hauled to the primary pond for treatment. The facility's total detention time is 210 days at design flow.

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 Lakes Ave Ste 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.