

## General information

**Public comment period begins:** January 5, 2024

**Public comment period ends:** March 5, 2024

**Current permit issued:** June 28, 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 Windom  
PO Box 38  
Windom, MN 56101-0038

**Facility name and location:**

Windom WWTF  
400 Drake Ave S  
Windom, MN 56101  
Cottonwood County  
T105N, R36W, Section 036

**MPCA contact person:**

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Municipal Division  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
504 Fairgrounds Rd, Ste 200  
Marshall, MN 56258  
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File manager phone: 651-757-2728 or  
844-828-0942

A draft permit and fact sheet are 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:** Des Moines River - Headwaters

**Receiving water:** Des Moines River - Class 2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water

## Description of permitted facility

The existing facility has a continuous discharge from SD002. The facility is a Class A.

The facility is designed to treat:

- An average wet weather (AWW) flow of 1.93 million gallons per day (mgd)
- An average dry weather (ADW) flow of 1.385 mgd
- 5-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD<sub>5</sub>) of 1,557 pounds per day (lb/day)
- Total Suspended Solids (TSS) of 1,825 lb/day
- Total Phosphorus (TP) of 59 lb/day
- Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) of 716 lb/day

The facility consists of a main lift station; two mechanical fine screens; a mechanical grit removal process which includes a grit separator, a grit cyclone, and grit dewatering; activated sludge optimized for biological phosphorus removal with one anaerobic basin, one anoxic selector basin, and three aeration basins; chemical addition for phosphorus precipitation; one rapid mix tank; two final clarifiers; two cloth disc filters; chlorination contact basin with dechlorination and reaeration basin; sludge thickening; heated aerobic digester; and three biosolids storage tanks. Biosolids from this facility are land applied.

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 Ashley Wahl  
504 Fairgrounds Rd, Ste 200  
Marshall, MN 56258

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.