

## General information

**Public comment period begins:** February 1, 2024

**Public comment period ends:** April 1, 2024

**Current permit issued:** July 25, 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 Cannon Falls  
918 River Rd  
Cannon Falls, MN 55009-1447

**Facility name and location:**

Cannon Falls Wastewater Treatment  
Facility  
825 Cannon River Ave  
Cannon Falls, MN 55009  
Goodhue County  
T112N, R17W, Section 08

**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:** Cannon River

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

## Description of permitted facility

The Cannon Falls Wastewater Treatment Facility (Facility) is located at 825 Cannon River Avenue, Cannon Falls, Minnesota 55009, Goodhue County, Minnesota.

The Facility is designed to treat:

- an average wet weather (AWW) flow of 0.92 million gallons per day (MGD);
- an average dry weather (ADW) flow of 0.84 MGD;
- a peak hourly wet weather (PHWW) flow of 3.27 MGD;
- a five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD<sub>5</sub>) strength of 1,918 pounds per day (lb/day);
- a total suspended solids (TSS) strength of 1,918 lb/day; and
- a total phosphorus strength of 54 lb/day.

The Facility consists of a lift station, mechanical and manual bar screens, grit removal, anaerobic/anoxic tanks, oxidation ditches, final clarifiers, ultraviolet light disinfection, and aerobic sludge storage. There are no designed bypass points known to exist in the treatment system.

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:  
Holly Mikkelson  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
7678 College Rd, Ste 105  
Baxter, MN 56425

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.