

General information

Public comment period begins: February 16, 2024

Public comment period ends: April 16, 2024

Current permit issued: April 20, 2016

Current permit expiration date: March 31, 2021

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 Madelia
116 Main St W
Madelia, MN 56062

Facility name and location:

Madelia Wastewater Treatment Facility
Cty Rd 9
Madelia, MN 56062
Watonwan County
T107N, R30W, Section 035

MPCA contact person:

Nancy Heskett
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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
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Rochester, MN 55902
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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: Watonwan River

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

Description of permitted facility

The existing facility has a continuous discharge from SD 003. The facility is a Class B.

The facility designed to treat:

- an average wet-weather (AWW) flow of 1.314 million gallons per day (MGD);
- an average dry-weather (ADW) flow of 0.709 MGD;
- a peak hourly wet-weather (PHWW) flow of 3.078 MGD;
- five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD₅) of 311 milligrams per liter (mg/L); and
- total suspended solids (TSS) of 168 mg/L.

The facility consists of an industrial pretreatment system with bar screen and dissolved air floatation prior to combining with domestic wastewater.

Domestic wastewater treatment consists of a bar screen, grit removal, an anaerobic basin for biological phosphorus removal, extended aeration activated sludge, chemical addition for phosphorus removal, final clarifiers, and ultraviolet light (UV) disinfection.

Biosolids are treated in aerated storage tanks prior to land application.

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:
Nancy Heskett
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
7381 Airport View Dr SW
Rochester, MN 55902

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.