

Public Notice of intent to issue coverage under a general permit

Wastewater
Permit MNG585405

General information

Public comment period begins: June 17, 2024
Public comment period ends: August 16, 2024
Current permit issued: June 27, 2019
Current permit expiration date: May 31, 2024

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to issue coverage under the MNG585000 Wastewater Pond General Permit. A copy of the general permit is available for review at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/business-with-us/general-permits-for-wastewater>. Coverage under this general permit will expire on November 30, 2028.

Name and address of Permittee:

City of McGregor
PO Box 100
McGregor, MN 55760-0100

Facility name and location:

McGregor Wastewater Treatment
Facility
97 Pond Lane
McGregor, MN 55760
Aitkin County
T48N, R23W, Section 031

MPCA contact person:

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MN Pollution Control Agency
7678 College Road, Suite 105
Baxter, MN 56425
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File manager phone: 651-757-2728 or
844-828-0942

A draft notice of coverage 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: Mississippi River - Brainerd

Receiving water: County Ditch 42 - Class 7, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water

Description of permitted facility

The existing facility has a controlled discharge from SD 002 to Aitkin County Ditch #42 (Class 7, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water) through Rice Lake to Sandy River/Steamboat Lake (Class 2B, 3C, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water). The Facility is a Class D.

The facility is designed to treat:

- An average wet weather (AWW) flow of 0.0729 million gallons per day (MGD);
- An average dry weather (ADW) flow of 0.0650 MGD; and
- Five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD₅) of 105 pounds per day (lb/day).

The facility consists of a master lift station, six smaller lift stations, a 3.7-acre primary pond, a 3.8-acre primary pond, a 2-acre secondary pond, a 1.8-acre secondary pond, and chemical addition of ferric chloride for phosphorus removal.

The preliminary determination to issue this wastewater notice of coverage 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:
Amanda Wilkens
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.