

General information

Public comment period begins: August 9, 2024

Public comment period ends: October 8, 2024

Current permit issued: February 1, 2018

Current permit expiration date: January 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 Lake City
205 W Center St
Lake City, MN 55041-1609

Facility name and location:

Lake City Wastewater Treatment Facility
601 W Iowa St
Lake City, MN 55041
Wabasha County
T111N, R12W, Section 009

MPCA contact person:

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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: Mississippi River - Lake Pepin

Receiving water: Pepin - Class 2B, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water

Description of Permitted Facility

The existing facility has a continuous discharge from SD003. The facility is a Class B.

The facility is designed to treat:

- an average wet-weather (AWW) flow of 1.520 million gallons per day (MGD);
- an average dry-weather (ADW) flow of 1.30 MGD;
- a peak hourly wet-weather (PHWW) flow of 3.87 MGD; and
- five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD₅) of 2,622 pounds per day (lb/day)

The facility consists of an influent flow parshall flume, influent fine screening, aerated grit removal, two influent screw pumps, an activated sludge process consisting of two aeration basins preceded by three anaerobic selector tanks for biological phosphorus removal with backup chemical addition, two final clarifiers, ultraviolet disinfection, aerobic digester, biosolids thickening process with gravity belt thickener, thickened biosolids hopper, two aerated biosolids storage tanks, a sand drying bed for receipt of screenings/grit or sand collection when cleaning the sewer system, a centrate tank for receipt of centrate waste product returned from the biosolids thickening process in Ellsworth, Wisconsin, an odor control unit and 2,500 feet of 24-inch PVC outfall sewer.

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:
Melanie Miland
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.