

General information

Public comment period begins: September 16, 2024

Public comment period ends: November 15, 2024

Current permit issued: September 21, 2018

Current permit expiration date: August 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 Stewartville
105 1st St E
Stewartville, MN 55976-1247

Facility name and location:

Stewartville Wastewater Treatment Facility
595 20th St NE
Stewartville, MN 55976
Olmsted County
T105N, R14W, Section 27

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: Root River

Receiving water: Root River, North Branch - Class 2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water

Description of permitted facility

The existing Stewartville Wastewater Treatment facility (facility) has a continuous discharge from SD 001 to the North Branch of the Root River. This is a Class B facility.

The facility is designed to treat:

- an average wet-weather (AWW) flow of 1.1114 million gallons per day (MGD),
- peak hourly wet-weather (PHWW) flow of 2.07 MGD,
- five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD₅) of 1,586 pounds per day (lb/day), and
- total suspended solids (TSS) of 1,850 lb/day.

The facility consists of a lift station, comminutor/grinder, mechanical bar screen, manual bar screen, grit removal, oxidation ditches, final clarifiers, an influent and effluent parshall flume, chlorine contact basin with dechlorination, excess flow clarifier only used in emergencies, aerated sludge storage, drying beds, and equalization basin.

This facility includes a bypass location capable of discharging untreated wastewater that passes through the chlorination process before discharging from the existing outfall. This bypass location is manually controlled and kept locked.

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.