

General information

Public comment period begins: October 21, 2024

Public comment period ends: December 20, 2024

Current permit issued: September 12, 2017

Current permit expiration date: August 31, 2022

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 Hawley
PO Box 69
Hawley, MN 56549-0069

Facility name and location:

Hawley Wastewater Treatment Facility
410 Maple St
Hawley, MN 56549
Clay County
T139N, R45W, Section 012

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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: Buffalo River

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

Description of Hawley Wastewater Treatment Facility

The Hawley Wastewater Treatment facility (facility) is located at 410 Maple Street, Hawley, Minnesota 56549, Clay County.

The facility has a controlled discharge of treated wastewater to the rapid infiltration basins (RIB) system. Additionally, there is a controlled discharge (SD 002) to the Buffalo River (Class 2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5 and 6 water). This is a Class D facility.

The facility is designed to treat:

- An average wet weather (AWW) flow of 0.03264 million gallons per day (MGD); and
- Five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD₅) of 141 milligrams per liter (mg/L).

The application and plans indicate that the existing facility consists of one main lift station, force main, three-cell stabilization pond system, and three rapid infiltration basins. The two primary pond cells and the secondary pond cell have surface areas of 13.2 acres each, measured at the 4-foot depth. The three rapid infiltration basins with a total surface area of 3.4 acres. There are no permitted bypass points in this treatment system. The facility provides a total detention time of 142 days at design flow.

The facility utilizes three groundwater monitoring wells (GW 001, GW 002, and GW 004) to monitor the stabilization pond system. There are three additional groundwater monitoring wells (GW 005, GW 006, and GW 007) which are used for monitoring the RIB 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:
Laura Lacquement
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
714 Lake Ave, Ste 220
Detroit Lakes, MN 56501

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.