

General information

Public comment period begins: January 27, 2025
Public comment period ends: February 26, 2025
Current permit issued: August 22, 2013
Current permit expiration date: July 31, 2018

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to reissue this permit for a term of approximately ten years.

Name and address of Permittee:	Facility name and location:	MPCA contact person:
Hidden Haven Homeowners Association PO Box 6 Becker, MN 55308	Hidden Haven Wastewater Treatment Facility 102nd St SE Becker, MN 55308 Becker Township Sherburne County T034N, R28W, Section 021	Jon Kolstad Municipal Division Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 7678 College Rd, Ste 105 Baxter, MN 56425 Phone: 218-316-3924 Email: jon.kolstad@state.mn.us
		File manager phone: 651-757-2728 or 844-828-0942

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: Mississippi River - St. Cloud

Description of Hidden Haven Wastewater Treatment Facility

The Hidden Haven Wastewater Treatment facility (facility) discharges from Station WS 002 to land via drainfield. This is a Class C facility.

The facility is designed to treat:

- an average wet weather (AWW) flow of 0.0255 million gallons per day; (MGD)
- five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD₅) of 55.3 pounds per day. (lb/d)

The facility consists of a pressurized collection system with grinder pumps before entering the treatment system. Influent flow is split between two 4,000-gallon settling tanks before being combined and directed to a central 4,000-gallon dosing tank. From the initial dosing tank, solids are sent to a sludge management tank and flows enter one of two 4,000-gallon dosing tanks which each lead to a separate sequencing batch reactor (SBR), for a total of two SBR tanks. The SBRs then lead to three dosing tanks which distribute the treated wastewater to four separate zones of subsurface drip tube disposal. Each zone measures 97 by 97 feet, or 9,394 square feet, for a total of 237,575 square feet across all four zones.

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:
Jon Kolstad
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.