

General information

Public comment period begins: June 16, 2025
Public comment period ends: August 15, 2025
Current permit issued: January 9, 2020
Current permit expiration date: December 31, 2024

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:	Facility name and location:	MPCA contact person:
City of Utica PO Box 431 Utica, MN 55979-0431	Utica Wastewater Treatment Plant 200 Hwy 14 E Utica, MN 55979 Winona County T106N, R9W, Section 18	Melanie Miland Municipal Division Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 7381 Airport View Dr SW Rochester, MN 55902 Phone: 507-206-2647 Email: melanie.miland@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 - Winona

Receiving water: Unassessed - Class 2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water; Unnamed creek (South Fork Whitewater River Tributary) - Class 1B, 2Ag, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water

Description of Permitted Facility

The Utica Wastewater Treatment Plant (facility) has a controlled discharge from SD 001 to an unnamed creek followed by a second unnamed creek that leads to the South Fork of the Whitewater River. This is a Class D facility.

The facility is designed to treat:

- an average wet weather (AWW) flow of 0.0266 million gallons per day (MGD);
- an average dry weather (ADW) flow of 0.012 MGD;
- peak hourly wet weather (PHWW) flow of 0.133 MGD;
- peak instantaneous wet weather (PIWW) 0.162 MGD;
- five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD₅) of 68 pounds per day (lb/day); and
- total suspended solids (TSS) of 55 lb/day

The facility consists of a lift station with flow meter, 3.5-acre primary pond, and a 1.4-acre secondary pond. The ponds have a five-foot depth with a three foot operating depth. The facility is designed for 180 days of storage at the wet weather design flow. There are no designed bypass points.

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 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.