

General information

Public comment period begins: April 27, 2026
Public comment period ends: June 26, 2026
Current permit issued: April 1, 2020
Current permit expiration date: March 31, 2025

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 Otsego 13400 90th St NE Otsego, MN 55330-7259	Otsego East Wastewater Treatment Facility 5850 Randolph Ave NE Otsego, MN 55374-4904 Wright County T120N, R26W, Section 01	Ashley Wahl Municipal Division Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 504 Fairgrounds Rd, Ste 200 Marshall, MN 56258 Phone: 507-476-4264 Email: ashley.wahl@state.mn.us File manager phone: 651-757-2728 or 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: North Fork Crow River

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

Description of permitted facility

Existing Facility

The existing facility has a continuous discharge from SD 001. The facility is a Class A.

The facility is designed to treat:

- an average wet weather (AWW) flow of 1.1 million gallons per day (MGD);
- an average dry weather (ADW) flow of 0.9 MGD;
- a peak hourly wet weather (PHWW) flow of 3.294 MGD;
- a peak instantaneous wet weather (PIWW) flow of 4.032 MGD; and
- five-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₅) of 2,082 pounds per day (lb/d).

The facility consists of a bar screen, a parshall flume, a mechanical fine screen, a grit chamber, a flow splitter, three anaerobic/anoxic selector basins, three oxidation ditches, a flow splitter, chemical addition for phosphorus removal, two final clarifiers, ultraviolet disinfection, and effluent aeration.

Biosolids treatment consists of three aerated sludge storage tanks, sludge storage tanks, gravity belt thickening, centrifuge dewatering, a centrate storage tank, and Schwing Bioset reactor technology. Thickened waste activated sludge is received from the Otsego West WWTF for treatment. Biosolids are land applied and landfilled.

Proposed Facility

The proposed facility will have a continuous discharge from SD 001. The facility is a Class A.

The facility will be designed to treat:

- an AWW flow of 1.65 MGD;
- an ADW flow of 1.35 MGD; and
- BOD₅ of 3,124 lb/d.

The facility modifications will consist of an expansion of screening and UV disinfection capacity, equipping an additional existing oxidation ditch structure, and plumbing/HVAC/electrical/SCADA improvements.

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:
Ashley Wahl
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
504 Fairgrounds Rd, Ste 200
Marshall, MN 56258

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.