

## General information

**Public comment period begins:** May 12, 2026  
**Public comment period ends:** July 13, 2026  
**Current permit issued:** October 1, 2019  
**Current permit expiration date:** September 30, 2024

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

<b>Name and address of Permittee:</b>	<b>Facility name and location:</b>	<b>MPCA contact person:</b>
City of Vermillion PO Box 225 Vermillion, MN 55085-0225	Vermillion Wastewater Treatment Facility 100 Schoen Lane Vermillion, MN 55085 Dakota County T114N, R18W, Section 15	Holly Sandberg Municipal Division Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 714 Lake Ave, Ste 220 Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 Phone: 218-846-8111 Email: <a href="mailto:holly.sandberg@state.mn.us">holly.sandberg@state.mn.us</a>

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 - Lake Pepin

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

## Description of permitted facility

The Vermillion Wastewater Treatment Facility (facility) is located at 100 Schoen Lane, Vermillion, Minnesota 55085, Dakota County.

The existing facility has a continuous discharge from SD 002. The facility is a Class C.

The facility is designed to treat:

- an average wet-weather (AWW) flow of 0.054 million gallons per day (mgd)
- five-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD<sub>5</sub>) of 210 milligrams per liter (mg/L) at AWW flow
- total suspended solids (TSS) of 210 mg/L at AWW flow
- total phosphorus (TP) of 6.47 mg/L at AWW flow

The facility consists of a wet well, a screening sieve, a bar screen, and an activated sludge treatment facility composed of an aerated contact stabilization tank, solids storage tank, and a clarifier. Additionally, there is an aerated chlorination and dechlorination tank prior to discharge.

Changes to the facility may result in an increase in pollutant loading to surface waters or other causes of degradation to surface waters. If a change to the facility will result in a net increase in pollutant loading or other causes of degradation that exceed the maximum loading authorized through conditions specified in the existing permit, the changes to the facility are subject to antidegradation requirements found in Minn. R. 7050.0250 to 7050.0335.

This Permit also complies with Minn. R. 7053.0275 regarding anti-backsliding.

Any point source discharger of sewage, industrial, or other wastes for which a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit has been issued by the MPCA that contains effluent limits more stringent than those that would be established by Minn. R. 7053.0215 to 7053.0265 shall continue to meet the effluent limits established by the permit, unless the permittee establishes that less stringent effluent limits are allowable pursuant to federal law, under section 402(o) of the Clean Water Act, United States Code, title 33, section 1342.

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:  
Holly Sandberg  
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.