

## General information

**Public comment period begins:** May 27, 2026

**Public comment period ends:** June 26, 2026

**Current permit issued:** August 1, 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 five years.

**Name and address of Permittee:**

Nilfisk Inc  
9435 Winnetka Ave N  
Brooklyn Park, MN 55445-1618

**Facility name and location:**

Nilfisk Inc  
4080 Sunset Dr  
Spring Park, MN 55384  
Hennepin County  
T117N, R23W, Section 18

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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:** Mississippi River - Twin Cities

**Receiving water:** Minnetonka-West Arm - Class 2B, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water; Lake Minnetonka - Class 2Bg, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water

## Description of permitted facility

Nilfisk, Inc. operates a remediation system located near the site of the former Advance Machine Company located along Sunset Drive. This property has since been sold and the former industrial property has been replaced with twenty-five luxury townhomes.

An initial site investigation was conducted in 1994 in the area of the former Advance Machine Company as part of a property assessment. The investigation identified a groundwater contamination plume containing elevated levels of solvents.

The groundwater remediation system is located south of West Arm Drive between building numbers 4220 and 4218. The primary pollutants of concern in the groundwater discharge are cis-1,2-dichloroethylene, trichloroethylene (TCE), and tetrachloroethylene (PCE). The remediation system reverses the groundwater flow direction along the Lake Minnetonka shoreline (the property is located between West Arm and Spring Park Bay) in the TCE plume vicinity. Groundwater is pumped from the recovery well at a rate of 25 gallons per minute (gpm) and passed through a sediment filter. From there, the groundwater is routed through two granulated activated carbon (GAC) canisters operated in series. Each GAC vessel holds approximately 1,000 pounds of carbon. Chlorine (10-15.6%) is applied to the recovery well at a rate of less than one gallon per month for disinfection and control of iron bacteria.

The treated effluent is discharged into Lake Minnetonka (West Arm) via an underground pipe at an average rate of 25 gpm (36,000 gallons per day) and a maximum rate of 100 gpm (144,000 gallons per day), 24 hours per day, seven days per week during the period when West Arm of Lake Minnetonka is free of ice.

The facility is not currently pumping/treating groundwater. The MPCA Voluntary Investigation and Cleanup (VIC) program approved a work plan to evaluate the pump and treat system for a potential shutdown that involves two years of groundwater monitoring (with no pumping) ending at the end of calendar year 2026 (MPCA Site ID SR0000197). The results of that monitoring will be used to evaluate the efficacy of the system and determine future operations.

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:  
Sarah Starr  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
520 Lafayette Road N  
St. Paul, MN 55155-4194

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.