

General information

Public comment period begins: June 1, 2026
Public comment period ends: July 31, 2026
Current permit issued: February 1, 2016
Current permit expiration date: January 31, 2026

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:

City of Pequot Lakes
4638 Cty Rd 11
Pequot Lakes, MN 56472-3385

Facility name and location:

Pequot Lakes Wastewater Treatment Facility
4798 Derksen Rd
Pequot Lakes, MN 56472
Crow Wing County
T136N, R29W, Section 23

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844-828-0942

A draft permit and statement of basis 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: Crow Wing River

Description of permitted facility

The Pequot Lakes wastewater treatment facility (facility) is located at 4798 Derksen Road, Pequot Lakes, Minnesota 56472, Crow Wing County.

The facility discharges from WS 002 to land via spray irrigation. The facility is a Class D.

The facility is designed to treat:

- an average wet-weather (AWW) flow of 0.122 million gallons per day (mgd)
- five-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₅) of 254 pounds per day (lb/d)
- total suspended solids (TSS) of 304 (lb/d)
- total nitrogen (TN) of 25.4 (lb/d)

The facility consists of approximately 3,630 feet of 6-inch force main, a two cell aerated pond system having a maximum high water level of 13 feet with 2 feet of biosolids storage. The size of each pond at the mean operating depth of 7.5 feet is 4.32 acres with a total storage volume of about 30,983,000 gallons providing a combined detention time of 254 days at design flow, and 2 spray irrigation sites totaling 56.6 acres of row irrigation. Maximum allowed flow to the spray irrigation site is 45 million gallons per year.

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:
Emily Carlson
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.