

General information

Public comment period begins: June 8, 2026

Public comment period ends: July 8, 2026

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

Name and address of Permittee:

City of Wabasha
PO Box 127
Wabasha, MN 55981

Facility name and location:

Wabasha Barge Terminal
1501 & 1600 5th Grant Blvd W
Wabasha, MN 55901
Olmsted County

MPCA contact person:

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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.

Description of permitted facility

The proposed Wabasha Barge Terminal facility is located at 1501 & 1600 5th Grant Blvd W, Wabasha, Minnesota 55901, Wabasha County. The city of Wabasha is proposing the construction of a new barge facility, which will have steel sheet pile placed along river mile 760 of the Upper Mississippi River. A portion of the riverbed will be dredged to help navigate the access point. Water depth in the section of the river that will be dredged varies from two to eleven feet, and 2-3 feet of material will be dredged from the riverbed. The dredging activity will result in a maximum of 40,000 total cubic yards (cy) of dredged material, and an annual expected maintenance dredge amount of 2,000 cy.

Dredged material will be dewatered on-site at the North end of the project site. After dewatering is complete, the material will be used as fill on site to construct the barge terminal roadway and material handling area. A portion of the material may also be transferred to another location under management by the city of Wabasha. Upon arrival at this site, the material will be beneficially reused for development and roadway construction purposes in accordance with applicable federal, state, and local laws.

The preliminary determination to issue 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:

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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.