

General information

Public comment period begins: June 9, 2026
Public comment period ends: August 10, 2026
Current permit issued: June 17, 2019
Current permit modified: October 23, 2020
Current permit expiration date: May 31, 2024

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 New Germany PO Box 177 New Germany, MN 55367-0177	New Germany Wastewater Treatment Facility 62nd St & Upland Ave New Germany, MN 55367 Carver County T116N, R26W, Section 04	Holly Sandberg Municipal Division Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 714 Lake Ave, Ste 220 Detroit Lakes, MN 56501 Phone: 218-846-8111 Email: holly.sandberg@state.mn.us
		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: South Fork Crow River

Receiving water: County Ditch 9 - Class 2Bm, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water

Description of permitted facility.

The facility has a controlled discharge from SD 001. The facility is a Class D.

The facility is designed to treat:

- an average wet-weather (AWW) flow of 0.052 million gallons per day (mgd)
- five-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₅) of 200 milligrams per liter (mg/L) at AWW flow

The facility consists of one lift station, 4,100 feet of six-inch diameter force main, and a two-cell stabilization pond system. The primary pond has a surface area of approximately 4.65 acres and the secondary pond has a surface area of approximately 2.33 acres; both measured at the mean operating depth. The stabilization pond system provides a total detention time of 180 days at design flow.

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.