

General information

Public comment period begins: June 15, 2026
Public comment period ends: July 15, 2026
Current permit issued: February 23, 2015
Current permit expiration date: January 31, 2020

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:

MHC CM Utility Systems, LLC
2 N Riverside Plz, Ste 800
Chicago, IL 60606

Facility name and location:

Cimarron Park Wastewater
Treatment Plant
901 Lake Elmo Ave N
Lake Elmo, MN 55042-9466
Washington County
T29N, R21W, Section 36

MPCA contact person:

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Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
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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: Lower St. Croix River

Receiving water: Rose Lake (Sunfish Lake) - Class 2B, 3, 4A, 4B, 5, 6 water

Description of permitted facility

The facility discharges from WS 003 to land via rapid infiltration basins (RIBs). The facility is a Class B. The facility also has a surface discharge station (SD 001).

The facility is designed to treat:

- an average wet-weather (AWW) flow of 0.120 million gallons per day (mgd)
- five-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₅) of 225 milligrams per liter (mg/L)

The facility consists of influent and effluent lift stations, bar screen, fine screen, aeration basin, re-aeration basin, final clarifier, an aerobic sludge digester, two seepage ponds sized at 1.66 acres and 4.1 acres, respectively, and two rapid infiltration basins sized 1.26 acres and 1.24 acres, respectively. The facility's activated sludge treatment system discharges treated wastewater to a 2-cell seepage pond system. From the seepage pond system, the facility is capable of discharging to either a rapid infiltration basin system, or directly to Rose (Sunfish) Lake. The facility utilizes Aerobic Digestion with transfer of solids to another facility.

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:
Cameron Berthiaume
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency
7678 College Rd, Ste 105
Baxter, MN 56425

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.