

General information

Public comment period begins: July 6, 2026
Public comment period ends: August 5, 2026

Current permit issued: March 1, 2016
Modified: March 14, 2024
Current permit expiration date: February 28, 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:	Facility name and location:	MPCA contact person:
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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 - St. Cloud

Description of permitted facility

The application and plans indicate that the existing treatment facility consists of three separate systems. This is a Class C facility with a total permit flow of 29,125 gallons per day(gpd) based on Minn. R. ch. 7081 estimated flows.

System 1

The system discharges to land via drainfield from Waste Stream (WS) 003

The system is designed to treat:

- an average wet-weather (AWW) flow of 9,000 gpd
- five-day carbonaceous biochemical oxygen demand (CBOD₅) of 220 milligrams per liter (mg/L)
- total suspended solids (TSS) of 220 mg/L

System 1 consists of two 6,000 gallon septic tanks, one 18,000 tank with a 6,000 gallon septic compartment and a 12,000 gallon aeration compartment with two vita-aer aeration units, one 10,000 gallon clarification tank, one 10,000 gallon recirculation tank, five AX100 advantext filters, one 12,000 gallon MBBR tank for denitrification, one 10,000 gallon clarification tank, a 6,000 gallon dosing tank, and a drainfield which is 1494 lineal feet of chambered trenches. The system also has a control building which has the ability to add alkalinity and a carbon source.

System 2

The system discharges to land via drainfield from WS 004.

System 2 serves a community building with rest rooms, showers and a laundry room, the manager's home and office is also connected to this system. This is a standard septic tank drainfield system with an average wet-weather design flow of 3000 gpd.

System 3

This system serves 91 seasonal campsites. This system is only a holding tank that is pumped and hauled off site with flows recorded on station WS 005.

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.