

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0003204-10-0

Permittee: Dunn Paper - Ladysmith, LLC, 1215 East Worden Ave, Ladysmith, WI, 54848

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Dunn Paper - Ladysmith, LLC, 1215 EAST WORDEN AVENUE, LADYSMITH, WI

Receiving Water And Location: Flambeau River in the Lower Flambeau River Watershed (UC07) in the Upper Chippewa River Basin, located ¼ mile SE of the Flambeau River Dam in Ladysmith, WI, on the west bank. Latitude 45.4621, Longitude 91.0806

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: Dunn Paper is a paper manufacturing plant in Ladysmith, WI that produces tissue products from recycled paper fibers. The mill is a De-Ink facility that produces an annual average of 175 tons per day (TPD) of tissue products as well as 30 TPD of wet lap paper to be used as furnish for Dunn Paper and other mills. The mill consists of a river water intake structure, intake water clarifier, two paper machines, a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP), and sludge handling equipment.

Changes to outfall 001: PFOS and PFOA monitoring has been added to the permit; Acute WET limit of 1.0 has been added; Temperature limits have been dropped from the permit; Phosphorus 12 month rolling average has been updated; Phosphorus monthly average limit has been dropped; Mercury limits have been updated.

Changes to outfall 002: PFAS monitoring requirements have been added to the permit based on the type of waste produced, previous sample results, and because it is required by the facility's Land Application Management Plan.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Jonathan Hill, DNR, 101 S. Webster St. PO Box 7921, Madison, WI, 53707-7921, (608) 267-7627, Jonathan.Hill@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Arthur Ryzak, N4103 Highway 27, Ladysmith, WI 54848, (715) 403-2924, arthur.ryzak@wisconsin.gov

The Department has tentatively decided that the above-specified WPDES permit should be reissued.

Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Land application of waste shall be done in accordance with permit conditions and applicable codes. All land application sites shall be approved prior to their use. To receive a list of approved sites, or to be notified of potential approvals, contact the above-named basin engineer.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above-named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this public notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision when the permit is issued. Where designated as a reviewable surface water discharge permit, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments or objections regarding this permit determination. If no comments are received on the proposed permit from anyone, including U.S. EPA, the permit will be issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Wis. Stats. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: the name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; the reasons for the request; and the issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit, fact sheet and permit application, may be inspected and copied at either the above-named permit drafter's office or the above named basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (608) 267-7627 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (15 cents per page for copies and 7 cents per page for scanning) will be charged for information in the file other than the public notice, permit and fact sheet. Permit information is also available on the internet at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/topic/wastewater/PublicNotices.html>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made to qualified individuals upon request.

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