

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE THE SHORT DURATION WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) GENERAL PERMIT No. WI-0059137-04-0

Brief Description of the Short Duration Discharge General WPDES Permit: Pursuant to s. 283.35, Wis. Stats., and s. NR 205.08, Wis. Adm. Code, the Department of Natural Resources (Department) may issue a general WPDES permit that authorizes discharges from multiple point sources in a specific category or class. The Short Duration Discharge General Permit (GP) covers discharges with durations of 90 days or less, which occur only once a year but not in consecutive years, and that are not significant contributors of pollution. The GP does not cover discharges to outstanding or exceptional resource waters, discharges that contain domestic wastewater, discharges that require categorical or technology-based effluent limitations other than those in the GP, discharges that contain pollutants at a level that would require water quality-based effluent limitations, or discharges that contain a pollutant of concern to an impaired water body unless the discharge is addressed by an approved total maximum daily load (TMDL) allocation.

As with all general WPDES permits, an owner or operator of a facility or activity that is proposing a discharge must receive Department authorization in the form of a letter granting coverage before a facility may commence discharging under the Short Duration Discharge GP. Facilities that do not qualify for coverage under the GP may apply for an individual WPDES permit.

Facilities Where Discharge Occurs: Facilities covered by the GP may be located statewide.

Receiving Waters and Discharge Locations: Discharges covered by the GP may be to the groundwater, surface waters, or both, and may be located statewide.

Brief Summary of Proposed Changes: The permit being public noticed represents the fourth issuance of the Short Duration Discharge GP. Proposed changes include, but are not limited to, an expansion of the list of facilities that may not be covered by the GP, addition of monitoring requirements for phosphorus and temperature, and updated standard requirements to reflect those that are included in current WPDES permit issuances and reissuances. Facilities that require either a technology or water quality based effluent limitation for phosphorus or a water quality based effluent limitation for temperature may not be covered by the GP.

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The Department has tentatively decided that the general WPDES permit described above should be reissued.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing may write to the Department at the 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. 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, 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 permit fact sheet may be inspected and copied at the permit drafter's office Monday through Friday, except holidays, between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (608) 267-7640 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (usually 20 cents per page) will be charged for copies of information in the file other than the public notice 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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