

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0030961-10-0

Permittee: Chili Sanitary District, P O Box 53, Chili, WI, 54420

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Chili Wastewater Treatment Facility, W1200 Chili Rd, Chili, WI

Receiving Water And Location: an unnamed tributary to the South Branch of the Yellow River in the Upper Yellow River Watershed of the Upper Wisconsin River Basin located in Clark County

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: The Chili Sanitary District treats wastewater from the community of Chili at an average annual design flow of 0.05 million gallons per day (MGD). The actual annual average influent flow for 2023 was 0.022 MGD. The stabilization pond type wastewater facility is a 2-cell system that discharges on a fill and draw basis to a tributary of the South Branch of the Yellow River. No major operational changes are proposed for this issuance. Proposed significant monitoring changes include 1) new seasonal monthly average ammonia effluent limit, 2) new monthly average phosphorus effluent interim limit and final mass limit were added based on the Wisconsin River Basin (WIRB) Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL), along with other phosphorus mass reporting requirements that are consistent with tracking compliance with the WIRB TMDL, 3) addition of annual effluent monitoring for total nitrogen, nitrite + nitrate nitrogen and total Kjeldahl nitrogen, and 4) PFAS sludge sampling has been included in the proposed WPDES permit pursuant to ss. NR 214.18(5)(b) and NR 204.06(2)(b)9., Wis. Adm. Code to quantitate risk.

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Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Jenna Monahan, 1300 W Clairemont Avenue, Eau Claire, WI 54701, (715) 492-4323, jenna.monahan@wisconsin.gov

The Department has tentatively decided that the above-specified WPDES permit 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 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 (715) 839-3836 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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