

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL HEARING AND INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0030830-08-0

Permittee: Dale Sanitary District No. 1, PO Box 103, Dale, WI 54931-0253

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Dale Sanitary District No. 1 WWTF, W9611 Wheeler Road, Dale, WI

Receiving Water And Location: Unnamed tributary to the Rate River, located in the Arrowhead River and Daggets Creek Watershed in the Wolf River Basin

Brief Facility Description: The Dale Sanitary District No. 1 provides wastewater collection and treatment for the unincorporated community of Dale in southwest Outagamie County. The wastewater treatment facility consists of two aerated lagoons followed by a settling pond, designed for an average annual flow of 0.060 MGD. The facility also operates a submerged attached growth reactor tertiary treatment system for ammonia removal.

Summary of Proposed Changes: 1) Addition of TMDL-based weekly average and monthly average mass limits for TSS. 2) Decreased chloride weekly average interim limit from 510 mg/L to 490 mg/L. 3) Changed effluent chloride monitoring frequency from weekly to 4/week (4 consecutive days/month). 4) Addition of phosphorus MDV (Multi-Discharger Variance) interim limits and monitoring requirements. 5) Acute WET (Whole Effluent Toxicity) and Chronic WET testing requirements have been updated. Testing is required once annually, in rotating quarters. The Chronic WET limit has also been updated to 1.7 TUC. 6) The variable daily maximum ammonia nitrogen limit table has been expanded to include applicable limits at a lower effluent pH. 7) Addition of annual total nitrogen monitoring throughout the permit term. 8) Addition of weekly temperature monitoring during the fourth year of the permit. 9) The year in which PCB monitoring is required has been updated to 2025. 10) Addition of once per permit term PFAS (PFOA + PFOS) monitoring pursuant to s. NR 204.06(2)(b)9., Wis. Adm. Code. 11) Updated standard language.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Sarah Donoughe, DNR, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727, (920) 366-6076, Sarah.Donoughe@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Barti Oumarou, DNR, 625 E County Rd Y, Ste 700, Oshkosh, WI 54901, (920) 424-4013, Barti.Oumarou@wisconsin.gov

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

The Department has determined that a water quality-based effluent limitation (WQBEL) for chloride is needed in this permit to protect aquatic life. While the permittee requested a variance to the chloride WQBEL pursuant to s. NR 106.83(2)(b), Wis. Adm. Code, the permittee and the Department have been unable to agree on voluntary source reduction activities and both an interim limitation and a target value/target limitation to be included as permit requirements. Consequently, pursuant to s. NR 106.83(3)(c), Wis. Adm. Code, the Department has included a chloride WQBEL in the proposed permit.

Hearing Date, Time, and Location: **Tuesday, July 9, 2024, at 1:00pm,**
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZMuf-mppjotGNFAhOZuATPM1R0iIMbAqH-F>

Hearing Officer, Name, Address, City/State/Zip, and Phone: Sarah Donoughe, DNR, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727, (920) 366-6076

The Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to s. 283.49, Wis. Stats, has scheduled for the time and place listed above, a public hearing for the purpose of giving all interested persons an opportunity to make a statement with respect to the above announced permit action for this existing discharge.

A hearing officer will conduct the hearing in an orderly and speedy way and will use procedures specified in Subchapter II of ch. NR 203, Wis. Adm. Code, necessary to insure broad public participation in the hearing.

The hearing officer will open the hearing and make a concise statement of the scope and purpose of the hearing and shall state what procedures will be used during the course of the hearing. The hearing officer shall explain the method of notification of the final decision to grant or deny the permit and the methods by which the decision may be reviewed in a public adjudicatory hearing.

The hearing officer may put limits on individual oral statements to ensure an opportunity for all persons present to make statements in a reasonable period of time and to prevent undue repetition. The hearing officer may also limit the number of representatives making oral statements on behalf of any person or group.

Informational and clarifying questions and oral statements shall be directed through the hearing officer. Cross-examination shall not be allowed.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action are invited to do so by attending the public hearing or by submitting any comments or objections in writing to the Department of Natural Resources, at the above-named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received from members of the public no later

than 7 days following the date of this public hearing will be used, along with other information on file and testimony presented at the hearing, in making a final determination. 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.

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 (920) 662-5148 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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