

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) MUNICIPAL STORM WATER PERMIT NO. WI-S050041-02

Proposed Expiration Date: November 30, 2014

Municipality: City of Altoona, PO Box 8, Altoona WI 54720-0008

Discharge Location: From the municipal separate storm sewer system (MS4) of the City of Altoona

Receiving Waters: Various surface waters and groundwater all within the Lower Chippewa Basin.

Brief Description of Discharge: The City of Altoona (City) operates a Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4). The MS4 discharges to various surface waters including but not limited to the Eau Claire River and Otter Creek. It also discharges to groundwater via infiltration. All discharges are within the Lower Chippewa River Basin. The discharge from these storm sewers consists of runoff from rain and snow melt, spills, WPDES permittees and fluid from illicit connections. Pollutants of concern in storm sewer discharge include, but are not limited to, organic materials, suspended solids, metals, nutrients, bacteria, pesticides, fertilizer, and traces of toxic materials.

The permit was initially issued to the City effective April 1, 2004 to regulate the discharge of stormwater from the MS4. The permit was based on the requirements contained in Wisconsin Administrative Code Chapter NR 216 as they existed at that time. This Administrative Code has since been revised. The Department proposes to reissue this permit in accordance with the current requirements of NR 216. To comply with the conditions of the current permit a stormwater management program based on the application of Best Management Practices (BMPs) has been developed by the permittee. The proposed permit will require the permittee to continue to implement and enhance the management program. The permit will require the permittee to address storm water quality concerns associated with urban runoff and prevent to the maximum extent practicable the discharge of pollutants from the MS4.

This permit will continue the programs developed under the initial permit issued to the City. In addition, it will incorporate the provisions of the revised NR 216 that were adopted during the term of the initial permit. The reporting requirements include measurable goals that will allow tracking of activities. The requirements of NR 151.13(2) regarding TSS removal are incorporated in this permit.

The permit contains a special condition that requires the City to complete construction of the South Willson Infiltration Basin by December 31, 2010 in order to gain compliance with NR 151.13 (2)(b)1.

The Department has tentatively decided the WPDES municipal storm water permit for the City and UWEC should be reissued. Appropriate special conditions are included in the permit in accordance with ch. 283, Wis. Stats., [formerly s. 147.13, Wis. Stats] and ch. NR 216, Wis. Adm. Code, which regulates storm water discharges.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit, or to request a public hearing, may write to Steve Thon, West Central Regional Headquarters, Department of Natural Resources, PO Box 4001, Eau Claire, WI 54702-4001. All comments or suggestions received no later than 30 days after the publication date of this notice will be considered along with other information on file in making a final decision regarding the permit. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is allowed up to 90 days to submit comments /objections regarding this permit issuance.

A public informational hearing may be held if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to ch. 283, Wis. Stats., [formerly s. 147.13, Wis. Stats]., or if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons. Requests for a public informational hearing should 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 may be inspected and copied Monday through Friday (except holidays) between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. at the West Central Region Headquarters located at 1300 West Clairemont Ave., Eau Claire, WI 54701. Information on this permit may also be obtained by calling Steve Thon at (715) 839-3776, or by writing to the Department at the Eau Claire address. Reasonable costs will be charged for copies of information in the file other than the public notice and briefing memo. This information is also available on the internet at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/ww/>. Pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act, reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be made available to qualified individuals upon request.

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