

PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF A DRAFT NPDES PERMIT TO DISCHARGE INTO WATERS OF THE UNITED STATES

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 5, Permits Branch, Water Division - WP-16J
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Comment period ends: November 13, 2019

Permit No.: WI-0058432-5 (REISSUANCE)

Application No.: WI-0058432-5

Name and Address of Applicant:

Forest County Potawatomi Community
P.O. Box 340
Crandon, Wisconsin 54520

**Name and Address of Facility
Where Discharge Occurs:**

FCPC Carter WWTF
HWY 32 South
near Carter, Wisconsin
(NW¼ of the Sec. 28, T34N, R15E)

Receiving Water: Unnamed Wetlands

DESCRIPTION OF APPLICANT'S FACILITY AND DISCHARGE

The above-named applicant has applied for an NPDES Permit to discharge into the designated receiving water. The discharge is located within the boundaries of the Forest County Potawatomi Indian Reservation. The EPA has retained the authority to issue NPDES permits to facilities with discharges to waters of the United States within Indian Country. The EPA is issuing this NPDES permit under the authorities of the Clean Water Act.

The applicant recently constructed a new wastewater treatment system as described below to replace its existing lagoon facility. The system is designed to treat 0.06 mgd of domestic wastewater. The discharge uses the same outfall as the replaced lagoon facility and is continuous to a wetland from Outfall 001: E ½ of the NW ¼ of Section 28, Township 34N, Range 15E, (Latitude 45° 24' 12"; longitude 88° 37' 35") on the Reservation. The facility was placed into operation in June 2019.

The Headworks consists of a combination fine screen and grit classifier unit. The screenings and grit are discharged into separate dumpsters for disposal. Septage from the Carter area is hauled to the WWTF site and dumped into a Septage Receiving Station. The wastewater then flows by gravity into any of the three (3) aeration basins. Following aeration, the wastewater flows into one (1) of two (2) final clarifiers. Following clarification, effluent flows to an Ultraviolet (UV) disinfection unit. After UV disinfection, effluent is discharged to the current outfall by gravity.

incorporating a series of manholes. Spill plates are provided in each of the manholes to increase Dissolved Oxygen (D.O.) levels in the effluent prior to discharge.

Scum and waste sludge are sent to two (2) aerobic digesters. Polymer is added to the stabilized biosolids and then dewatered. Following dewatering, biosolids cake is bagged and sent to a dumpster for disposal in a municipal solid waste landfill. The facility receives sludge from the FCPC Crandon Recirculating Sand Filter/ Stone Lake WWTP (WI0058424-5) for treatment and then disposal in the landfill.

TENTATIVE DETERMINATION

On the basis of preliminary staff review and application of applicable standards and regulations, the Regional Administrator of EPA, Region 5 proposes to reissue a permit for the discharge from the FCPC Carter Wastewater Treatment Facility subject to certain effluent limitations and special conditions.

COMMENT PROCEDURES and PUBLIC HEARING

The determination to issue the NPDES permit is tentative. EPA's comment and public hearing procedures may be found at 40 CFR 124.10, 124.11, 124.12, and 124.13. The following is a summary of those procedures:

1. The comment period during which written comments on the draft permit may be submitted extends to November 13, 2019.
2. During the comment period, any interested person may request a public hearing by filing a written request which must state the issues to be raised. The last day for filing a request for public hearing is November 13, 2019. EPA will hold a hearing if there is significant interest based on written requests. Public notice of such a hearing will be circulated in at least one newspaper in the geographical area of the discharge and to those persons on the EPA mailing list at least 30 days prior to the hearing.
3. All comments postmarked after November 13, 2019 will not be considered in the formulation of the final determination.
4. Written comments or requests for a public hearing must be delivered or mailed to: John A. Colletti, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Region 5, Permits Branch - WP-16J, 77 West Jackson Boulevard, Chicago, Illinois 60604, or emailed to colletti.john@epa.gov.

The application and Public Notice numbers should appear next to the EPA address on the envelope and on each page of any submitted comments. It is important that all viewpoints are considered before taking action. Therefore, we greatly appreciate your time and effort in participating in the public participation process. Please bring the foregoing to the attention of persons whom you know would be interested in this matter. Unless a public hearing is scheduled, the EPA will issue a final determination as to the issuance of the permit in a timely manner after the expiration of the public comment period. If you would like to receive a copy of the final determination, please submit a request during the comment period to the above address.

EPA will notify the applicant and each person who has submitted written comments or requested notice of the final permit decision.

PETITION TO REVIEW

Within 30 days following the service of notice of the Regional Administrator's final permit decision, any person who filed comments on the draft permit or participated in a public hearing, if held, may petition the Environmental Appeals Board (EAB) to review any condition of the permit decision. Such a petition must include a statement of the reasons supporting review of the decision, including a demonstration that the issue(s) being raised for review were raised during the public comment period (including any public hearing). The petition should, when appropriate, show that each condition being appealed is based on either, (1) a finding of fact or conclusion of law which is clearly erroneous, or (2) an exercise of discretion or an important policy demonstration which the EAB should, in its discretion, review.

AVAILABILITY OF DOCUMENTS

The application, draft permit, including proposed effluent limitations and special conditions, statement of basis, and other documents contained in the administrative record, are available for inspection and may be copied at a cost of 15 cents per page at the Chicago Regional offices of the Environmental Protection Agency anytime between 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. You may also view, the public notice, statement of basis, and draft permit on Region 5's website at "<https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/fcpc-carter-wastewater-treatment-facility-npdes-permit-wi-0058432-5>". All data submitted by the applicant is available as part of the administrative record. For more information, please contact John Colletti at (312) 886-6106 or by e-mail at colletti.john@epa.gov.