

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION
SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0027707-07-0

Permittee: Menasha Utilities, PO Box 340, Menasha, WI 54952

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Menasha Steam Utility, 198 River St., Menasha, WI

Receiving Water and Location: Menasha Steam Utility discharges to the Menasha Channel of the Lower Fox River

Brief Facility Description: Since 2006, Menasha Steam Utility has produced steam for local industries and electricity, up to 15 megawatts, for the spot market. This activity results in the average discharge of 11.6 million gallons per day of condenser cooling water and other noncontact cooling waters, 0.028 MGD of low volume wastes such as boiler blowdown, and 0.59 MGD of intake screen backwash water.

If during the public comment period the City of Menasha elects to place the Steam Utility on standby, the Department will proceed with the permit reissuance as long as the plant remains operational.

Summary of Proposed Changes: The proposed permit reissuance imposes quarterly mercury monitoring, reduces the monitoring frequency for phosphorus and whole effluent toxicity, eliminates monitoring requirements for total residual chlorine, copper and hardness and identifies a new sampling point for boiler blowdown. The blowdown discharge is not new, but the location of the sampling point as identified in the proposed permit is new.

Permit Drafter: Michael Hammers, DNR, 101 S. Webster St., PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921, (608) 267-7640, mike.hammers@wisconsin.gov.

Basin Engineer: Richard Sachs, DNR, 2984 Shawano Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727, (920) 662-5176, richard.sachs@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 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.

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, Stats. Requests for a public informational hearing shall state the following: name and address of the person(s) requesting the hearing; interest in the proposed permit of the person(s) requesting the hearing; reasons for the request; and issues proposed to be considered at the hearing.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft permit and fact sheet, may be inspected and copied at the permit drafter's or 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 (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/org/water/wm/ww/drafts/pubnot.htm>. 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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