

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION
SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0037389-08-0

Permittee: SCA Tissue North America LLC, PO Box 2400 , Neenah, WI 54957-2400

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: SCA Tissue North America LLC, 190 3rd St. (FKA Tayco St.)

Receiving Water and Location: SCA Tissue North America, LLC discharges treated wastewaters to Little Lake Butte Des Morts. The discharge is located in the Little Lake Butte Des Morts Watershed (LF 06) in the Lower Fox River Basin. The average seven-day stream flow for the Lower Fox River that occurs at this location for any ten year period is 930 cfs.

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: SCA Tissue North America, LLC (hereafter simply SCA Tissue) manufactures a full product line for the commercial and industrial tissue markets consisting of more than 2,200 items including; napkins, tissue, table covers, bathroom tissue and toweling. The raw material for virtually all products manufactured by SCA Tissue is 100% recycled fiber. SCA Tissue operates 4 paper machines and 3 deinking plants and produces approximately 608 tons per day of tissue paper from deinked pulp and pulp substitutes.

Permit Drafter: Barton T. Chapman, P.E., DNR, 101 S. Webster St., PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707, (608) 266-3906, barton.chapman@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer: Mark Stanek, DNR, 625 E County Road Y, Suite 700, Oshkosh, WI 54901, (920) 424-7895, mark.stanek@wisconsin.gov

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

Proposed Mercury Variance: The Department has determined that a water quality-based effluent limitation (WQBEL) of 1.3 ng/L for mercury is needed to protect wildlife and human health in the above-named receiving water. The permittee has submitted an application for an alternative mercury effluent limitation (AMEL). The application included a pollutant minimization program (PMP) plan for mercury as required under s. NR 106.145(8), Wis. Adm. Code. The Department concludes that the permittee has qualified for a variance based on the information submitted, information on file and the findings provided in s. NR 106.145(1), Wis. Adm. Code. The Department and the permittee have mutually agreed upon an AMEL of 10.4 ng/L and 22.2 ng/L for Outfalls 001 and 002 respectively, expressed as a daily maximum, continued influent and effluent monitoring, and permit language requiring implementation of the PMP. The Department proposes to grant the AMEL, which represents a variance to the water quality standard used to derive the WQBEL, as provided for under s. NR 106.145(6), Wis. Adm. Code. The designated use of the receiving water will not change as a result of the variance.

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. 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, 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 (if required), and permit application, 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) 266-3906 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/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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