

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-0037389-09-0

Permittee: Essity Professional Hygiene North America LLC, 2929 Arch St, Philadelphia, PA 19104

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Essity Professional Hygiene North America LLC, 190 3rd St, Menasha Wisconsin

Receiving Water and Location: The discharge is located About one-quarter mile downstream from the facility and about 300 yards west of shoreline from the Butte Des Morts Drive in Menasha, WI in the Little Lake Butte Des Morts Watershed (LF 06) in the Lower Fox River Basin

Brief Facility Description: Essity Professional Hygiene North America LLC (formerly SCA Tissue North America, LLC, hereafter simply Essity) manufactures a product line for commercial and industrial tissue markets consisting of more than 2200 items, including napkins, toweling, facial tissue and bathroom tissue. These products are used by restaurants, hotels, clubs, health care facilities, schools and airlines. The raw material for virtually all products manufactured by this company is 100% recycled fiber. It produces 600 tons of tissue paper from deinked pulp, made from recycled wastepaper and pulp substitutes also made from recycled paper.

Summary of Proposed Changes: Flow rate monitoring is being added and % used exclusively for cooling is being added to the permit so the %used exclusively for cooling can be reevaluated in the next permit issuance. Ammonia monitoring and limit requirements have been removed from outfall 001 and 002 because there is no longer reasonable potential for the facility to violate ammonia water quality standards. Mercury limits have been recalculated and are more restrictive based on the latest effluent data. Land application requirements have been added to the proposed permit based on NR 214 Wis. Adm. Code and the facility's approved Land Application Management Plan. The facility has selected treatment upgrades options for meeting final TSS and Phosphorus limits; the department has added two years to the schedules for TSS and Phosphorus to accommodate the facility upgrade design and construction time.

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

Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Land application of waste shall be done in accordance with permit conditions and applicable codes. All land application sites shall be approved prior to their use. To receive a list of approved sites, or to be notified of potential approvals, contact the basin engineer.

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 is eligible 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 8.1 ng/L at outfall 001 and 6.6 ng/L at outfall 002, 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. This mercury variance must be approved by USEPA prior to its inclusion in the final reissued permit.

Hearing Date, Time, and Location: October 24, 2018 at 1:00 PM in the Lake Michigan Room at the DNR Green Bay Service Center

Hearing Officer: Heidi Schmitt Marquez, 2984 Shawano Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727, (920) 662-5187

The Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to Section 283.49, Wisconsin Statutes, 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 insure 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 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 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) 267-7627 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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