

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A MULTI-DISCHARGER VARIANCE PACKAGE

Brief Description: This proposed renewal of Wisconsin's phosphorus multi-discharger variance (MDV) is designed to continue providing a tool for industries and municipalities facing restrictive phosphorus compliance costs. In exchange for extending the timeline for complying with low-level phosphorus limits, point sources commit to stepwise reductions of phosphorus within their effluent while addressing nonpoint sources of phosphorus from farm fields, cities or natural areas. This draft MDV package provides the technical justification and the proposed implementation strategy for this variance. EPA approval is required before the MDV would continue to be available to WPDES permit holders. If approved, WPDES permit holders will be required to go through site specific evaluations prior to being able to utilize the MDV.

These documents and other supporting information are available online at <https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/StatewideMDV.aspx>.

Wisconsin's MDV was initially approved by EPA on February 6, 2017. The MDV was approved for an initial 10-year period, expiring in February of 2027. Roughly 160 WPDES permittees have utilized the MDV to avoid economic hardship and make stepwise phosphorus reductions in effluent and nonpoint sources. Section 283.16 (3) of the Wisconsin Statutes outlines the MDV reauthorization process relative to the determination that phosphorus effluent limits result in substantial and widespread adverse social and economic impacts.

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Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed phosphorus multi-discharger variance are invited to do so by submitting any comments or objections in writing to the Department of Administration, at [doaphosphorusbbz@wisconsin.gov](mailto:doaphosphorusbbz@wisconsin.gov) or at the lead contact's address above. All comments or objections received will be taken into consideration before making a final determination.

Further information, including the economic determination, on the phosphorus multi-discharger variance is available online at <https://doa.wi.gov/Pages/StatewideMDV.aspx>. Information may also be requested by emailing [doaphosphorusbbz@wisconsin.gov](mailto:doaphosphorusbbz@wisconsin.gov) or calling the lead contact at the phone number above.

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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