

Notice of Pending Application for Proposed Water Levels and Flows  
Notice of Public Informational Meeting

Racine County Board of Drainage Commissioners, c/o Alan Jaspersen, 500 College Ave., Racine, WI 53403 has applied to the Department of Natural Resources for a permit for an order setting levels or flows on Fox River.

The project is located in the SW1/4 of the NW1/4 of Section 11, Township 3 North, Range 19 East, Village of Rochester, Racine County.

During high flow periods when the Wind Lake and/or Waterford Dams open the gates to 50% or more, the Rochester Dam will be allowed to temporarily drop below the minimum water elevation of 4.20 ft. on the gauge to a water elevation no lower than 3.36 ft. on the gauge. When the Wind Lake and Waterford Dams close their gates to less than 50%, the radial gates will then be slowly closed to restore operations to the normal water elevation and will be maintained as nearly as practical, until such a time that another high flow period arises.

The proposed change is only for modification to operation during high flows. A permanent winter drawdown is not being considered as part of this application.

The Department will review the proposal provided by the applicant and any information from public comments. The Department will determine whether the proposal complies with ss. 1.11 and 31.02(1), Stats., and ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code, and ensure that the required mitigation meets the standards in s. 281.36(3r), Stats. if the project impacts wetlands.

The Department has made a tentative determination that it will issue the permit or contract for the proposed activity.

The Department has scheduled and will hold a public informational meeting regarding the proposed modification to the operational order for the Rochester Dam. The meeting is being held so members of the public can learn more about the proposed activity. The meeting will be held on March 14, 2017 at 2pm in the auditorium of the Racine County Ives Grove Complex located at 14200 Washington Avenue (Highway 20), Sturtevant, WI, 53177. The meeting is informational only.

If you would like to know more about this project or would like to see the application and plans, please visit the Department's permit tracking website at <https://permits.dnr.wi.gov/water/SitePages/Permit%20Search.aspx> and search for "Racine County Drainage District", then click the link for application docket IP-SE-2012-52-05673.

Reasonable accommodation, including the provision of informational material in an alternative format, will be provided for qualified individuals with disabilities upon request.

Any person may submit comments by emailing [Elaine.Johnson@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Elaine.Johnson@wisconsin.gov) or writing to Elaine Johnson, 141 NW Barstow St., Room 180, Waukesha, WI 53188 by U.S. mail. If you are submitting general comments on the proposal, they must be emailed or postmarked within 30 days after the date this notice is published on the Department's website.

The final decision may be appealed as indicated in the decision document.

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