

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND INTENT TO REISSUE
A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0056529-06-0

Permittee: Babcock Genetics LLC

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Babcock Genetics LLC, N6671 County Road XX, Holmen, WI 54636

Receiving Water and Location: Surface water and groundwater within the Black River Watershed in La Crosse County

Brief Facility Description: Babcock Genetics LLC is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). It currently has 3,302 animal units (3,929 pigs <55lbs, 5424 pigs >55lbs, 1,325 sows, 418 boars). Babcock Genetics has a total of 680.67 acres available for land application of manure and process wastewater. Of this acreage, 165 acres are owned and 515.67 acres are rented or controlled through contracts, and 679 acres are spreadable. There are no planned operational changes during the next 5-year permit term. Permit construction schedules are proposed for additional groundwater monitoring and evaluation of permanent manure storage and transfer facilities.

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

Permit Drafter: Ben Uvaas, DNR, Oshkosh DNR Service Center, 625 E County Rd Y, Oshkosh, WI 54901, (920) 303-5433, Benjamin.uvaas@wisconsin.gov

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, the terms of the nutrient management plan, or the application, or to request a public informational 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 re-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 re-issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if within 30 days of the public date of this notice, a request for a hearing is filed by any person. The Department shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from USEPA or from 5 or more persons or if the Department determines there is significant public interest. 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 and fact sheet (if required), the operation's nutrient management plan and application may be inspected and copied at the permit drafter's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (608) 275-3281 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 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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