

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-0065986-02-0

Permittee: Allen VandeHei, N8322 County Rd Y, Seymour, WI, 54165

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Allen VandeHei, n8370 cty rd y seymour

Receiving Water And Location: Unnamed tributary streams within the Duck Creek, Suamico, and Little Suamico River Watersheds, Lake Michigan Basin, and groundwaters of the state

Brief Facility Description: Allen VandeHei doing business as Vande Hei Farms is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). Vande Hei Farms was previously covered by general permit number WI-0063274-01 for large dairy CAFOs. Vande Hei Farms is owned and operated by Allen Vande Hei. Schedules have been included in the permit for engineering evaluations of the feed pad runoff controls, and engineering evaluations of a waste storage structures. As of the most recent submittal, Vande Hei Farms currently has 2,650 animal units. At this animal unit level it is expected that 24,402,085 gallons of manure and process wastewater and 2,500 tons of solid manure will be produced. The current herd size and liquid manure storage capacity yields 213 days of liquid manure storage. The operation's nutrient management plan has a total of 2,947 acres available for land application of manure and process wastewater.

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

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Makayla Jacobs, DNR, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI, 54313-6727, (920) 573-8033, makayla.jacobs@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 (920) 573-8033 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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