

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND INTENT TO ISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0067377-01-0

Permittee: BS Acres, 1020 State Road 65, Dresser, WI, 54009-4617

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: BS Acres, 1020 State Road 65 Dresser

Receiving Water and Location: Surface water and groundwater within the Apple River and Greater St. Croix River Watersheds

Brief Facility Description : BS Acres is a dairy farm located in Garfield Township in Polk County proposing to become a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). The farm is owned and operated by Bruce Siltberg and family, currently operating with approximately 600 milking/dry cows, 150 heifers, and 100 calves (~ 950 animal units). The operation is proposing to expand their herd size during their first CAFO permit term. Phase one involves expanding to approximately 1,200 milking/dry cows, 155 heifers, and 200 calves (1,813 animal units). A possible second phase would involve expanding to approximately 1,950 milking/dry cows, 185 heifers, and 255 calves (2,892 animal units).

The farm currently has one waste storage facility used to store manure and process wastewater generated at the site. A second waste storage facility is proposed to be constructed in 2025 to support the phase one expansion. These structures would provide the farm with approximately 223 days of liquid waste storage, based on the phase one expansion. CAFOs are required to have a minimum of 180-days of waste storage.

Should the phase two expansion occur, engineering plans for additional manure storage would need to be submitted for department review. The permit would also need to be modified to account for a phase two expansion, thereby requiring a public notice and 30-day public comment period.

BS Acres has a total of 3,422 acres of cropland in their approved five-year nutrient management plan (NMP). Of the 3,422 acres, approximately 375.1 acres are owned, and 3,046.9 acres are controlled through land contracts.

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

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Jeffrey Jackson, DNR, 890 Spruce St, Baldwin, WI, 54002, (715) 210-1415, Jeffrey.Jackson@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 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 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 (715) 210-1415 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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