

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND INTENT TO MODIFY
A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0059200-05-
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Permittee: Country Aire Farms LLC, 1440 Lamers Clancy Rd, Greenleaf, WI, 54126

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Country Aire Farms LLC, 1440 Lamers Clancy Road Greenleaf

Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the East River Watershed

Brief Facility Description : Country Aire Farms is a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) owned and operated by Mike and Matt Gerrits. It currently has 7,895.7 animal units (5,022 milking & dry cows, 924 heifers, and 0 calves) plans to expand to 8,654 animal units (5,635 milking & dry cows, 750 heifers, and 200 calves) once full expansion is reached. Based on planned herd size, Country Aire Farms has approximately 249 days of liquid waste storage. Country Aire Farms plans to generate 69,041,601 gallons of liquid manure annually and currently has 6,496.5 acres (3,109.2 owned and 3,389.2 controlled through contracts, rental agreements or leases, or under manure agreements) of which 6,376.2 are spreadable acres.

Country Aire Farms has requested a modification to its WPDES permit to accommodate the construction and use of a multiple new facilities. New sample points describing these facilities have been added to the permit. Only aspects of the modification action are subject to the public input process. This includes the addition of sample points 010, 011, 012, and 013, along with Schedule Section 2.8.

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

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Holly Stegemann, 2220 Cty Hwy V, Mishicot, WI, 54228, (920) 360-0794, Holly.Stegemann@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) 360-0794 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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