

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-0064092-03-1

Permittee: Meyer Family Dairy, LLC, W3320 153 Road, Loyal, WI, 54446

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Meyer Family Dairy, LLC, W3360 153 Road Loyal

Receiving Water And Location: Unnamed stream (WBIC 1751600) within the Cawley and Rock Creek Watershed of the Black River Basin, and groundwaters of the state

Brief Facility Description : Meyer Family Dairy LLC is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) located in the Township of Beaver, Clark County. Meyer Family Dairy consists of one production site: the Main Facility Site located at W3320 153 Road Loyal, WI 54446. The operation is owned and operated by Mike Meyer with a current herd size of 3,315 animal units (1,609 milking/dry cows, 1204 heifers). The operation is proposing to expand to approximately 4,206 animal units (2,525 milking/dry cows, 876 heifers) by the end of 2025.

Meyer Family Dairy LLC has approximately 4,716.3 acres identified in their nutrient management plan. The permittee owns approximately 715.1 acres of cropland and controls an additional 4,001.2 acres through contracts, rental agreements or leases, or manure agreements.

Meyer Family Dairy LLC requested a modification to their WPDES CAFO permit to accommodate the addition of a new manure storage facility (WSF 4). A new sample point describing the structure has been added to the permit. Existing and proposed manure storage structures provide the operation with 590+ days of liquid waste storage, based on expanded animal numbers during the permit term. The operation also proposes to upgrade the existing feed pad runoff collection system to collect 100% of leachate/runoff. Only aspects of the modification process are subject to the public input process. This includes the addition of Sample Point 013 (WSF 4), upgrade to the feed pad runoff system, and the updated nutrient management plan.

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

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Todd Prill, DNR, 1300 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI, 54701, (715) 214-8576, Todd.Prill@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 (715) 214-8576 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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