

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND INFORMATIONAL HEARING AND INTENT TO ISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0067409-01-0

Permittee: Rob-n-Cin Farms LLC, 5545 County Road Y, West Bend, WI, 53095

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: 5545 County Road Y, West Bend, WI ZIP; S25 T11N R20E, Township of Trenton, Washington County

Receiving Water And Location: Unnamed Tributaries within the Cedar Creek Watershed, Lake Michigan Drainage Basin and groundwaters of the state

Brief Facility Description : Rob-N-Cin Farms LLC is a new Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation in Washington County, WI. Rob-N-Cin Farms is owned and operated by Robert Roden and Family. As of January of 2024, it has 930 milking and dry cows, 80 large heifers, 50 steers, and 150 calves (1,470 animal units). Rob-N-Cin Farms plans to expand to 2,500 animal units by 2028. Rob-N-Cin Farms will annually generate approximately 9,470,254 gallons of liquid manure and process wastewater and 1,528 tons of solid manure. After the expansion, Rob-N-Cin Farms will generate 16,851,866 gallons of manure and process wastewater and 795 tons of solid manure. As of October 2024, Rob-N-Cin Farms currently has greater than the required minimum of 180 days of storage. Rob-N-Cin Farms has 2,778 acres in its approved nutrient management plan, of which 2,323 acres are rented or in contract agreements and 455 acres are owned. El Na Farms has 2,700 acres available for land application.

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be issued. This WPDES permit action is an integrated analysis action under s. NR 150.20(2), Wis. Adm. Code, and does not require a separate action under NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: James Salscheider, DNR, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI, 54313, (920) 367-3007, James.Salscheider@wisconsin.gov

Informational Hearing Date, Time, and Location:

When: Monday, December 16, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.

Where: The public hearing is being held virtually via ZOOM. Use the link below to register for the hearing.

Register in advance for this meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZwrfumhrD0uH9xRuGi5-YHeYebiMBgg9Q_a

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting.

The Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to Section 283.49, Wisconsin Statutes, has scheduled a public informational hearing for the purpose of giving all interested persons an opportunity to make a statement with respect to the proposed permit action, the terms of the nutrient management plan, and the application for this operation.

The hearing officer will conduct the hearing in an orderly fashion and will use procedures specified in Subchapter II of ch. NR 203, Wis. Adm. Code, necessary to insure broad public participation in the hearing.

The hearing office will open the hearing and make a concise statement of the scope and purpose of the hearing and shall state what procedures will be use during the course of the hearing. The hearing officer shall explain the method of notification of the final decision to grant or deny the permit and the methods by which the decision may be reviewed in a public adjudicatory hearing.

The hearing officer may place limits on individual oral statements to insure an opportunity for all persons present to make statements in a reasonable period of time and to prevent undue repetition. The hearing officer may also limit the number of representatives making oral statements on behalf of any person or group.

Informational and clarifying questions and oral statements shall be directed through the hearing officer. Cross-examination shall not be allowed.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, the terms of the nutrient management plan, or the application, are invited to do so by attending the public hearing or by submitting any comments or objections in writing to the Department of Natural Resources, at the above named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received from members of the public no later than 7 days following the date of this public hearing will

be used, along with other information on file and testimony presented at the hearing, in making a final determination. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision regarding permit coverage. 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.

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) 367-3007 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.

NAME OF PUBLISHING NEWSPAPER: Washington County Daily News

ADDRESS OF PUBLISHING NEWSPAPER: 100 S 6th Ave, West Bend, WI 53095

Date Notice Issued: Tuesday, November 12, 2024