

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-0064386-03-1

Permittee: Ruedinger Farms, Inc., W7222 Cemetery Rd, Van Dyne, WI 54979

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: W7222 Cemetery Road; Town of Friendship; Fond du Lac County, WI; Section 18, T16N, R17E

Receiving Water And Location: Surface Water and Groundwater within the Van Dyne Creek-Lake Winnebago Watershed in the Upper Fox River Drainage Basin

Brief Facility Description : Ruedinger Farms, Inc. is a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) owned and Operated by John Ruedinger. It currently has 2,398 animal units and based on current herd size, Ruedinger Farms has approximately 313 days of manure and waste storage. Ruedinger Farms generates approximately 19,000,000 gallons liquid manure/process wastewater and 9,000 tons of solid waste annually and currently has 3,963 acres (710 owned, and 3,253 controlled through contracts, rental agreements or leases, or under manure agreements) of which 3,843 are spreadable acres.

Ruedinger Farms requested a modification to its WPDES permit to accommodate the construction and use of a digester waste treatment system. 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 point 017 and update of sample point 016.

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

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Jean Weaver, 1155 Pilgrim Road, Plymouth, WI, 53073, (920) 400-7014, jeanm.weaver@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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