

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

NOTICE OF FINAL DETERMINATION TO ISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE  
ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) GENERAL PERMIT No. WI-0063274-01-0

General Permit Name: Large Dairy CAFO General Permit

Receiving Waters: Surface waters and land application sites in Wisconsin

Brief Description of Operations Covered under this General Permit: The permit covers the handling and land application of manure and process wastewater at new, existing or expanding dairy animal feeding operations with at least 1,000 animal units but no more than 5720 animal units. This is a first time issuance for this general permit.

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Date Permit Signed/Issued: April 4, 2011

Date of Effectiveness: April 4, 2011

Date of Expiration: March 31, 2016

Following the public notice period and public informational hearings held on March 26, 2010 (Wausau), April 1, 2010, (Grand Chute), April 6, 2010 (Viroqua), April 8, 2010 (Eau Claire), and April 13, 2010 (Fitchburg) the Department of Natural Resources ("the Department") has made a final determination to issue the Large Dairy CAFO General WPDES Permit. The information from the WPDES permit file, comments received on the proposed permit and applicable administrative codes were used as a basis for this final determination. The Department has the authority to issue, modify, suspend, or revoke WPDES permits and to establish effluent limitations and permit conditions under ch. 283, Stats. The Department's findings of fact and conclusions of law are included in this Notice of Final Determination, the "Permit Changes and Response to Comments" document (which is included by reference and available at <http://dnr.wi.gov/runoff/ag/permits.htm>, click on the "General Permits" tab) and the WPDES permit. In the issuance of the final permit, the Department has considered the information in the Environmental Assessment and the comments received on it. The Department has complied with the requirements of ch. NR 150 and s. 1.11, Stats. Within the authority under Wis. Stat. ch. 283 and ch. NR 243, Wis. Adm. Code, the Department has included conditions in the WPDES permit to minimize impacts to water resources of the state.

As provided by s. 283.63, Stats., and ch. 203, Wis. Adm. Code, persons desiring further adjudicative review of this final determination may request a public adjudicatory hearing. A request shall be made by filing a verified petition for review with the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources within 60 days of the date the permit was signed (see permit signature date above). Further information regarding the conduct and nature of public adjudicatory hearings may be obtained by contacting the Department of Natural Resources and by review of ch. NR 203, Wis. Adm. Code, s. 283.63 Stats., and applicable code law.

Information on file for this permit action may be inspected and copied at the following address, Department of Natural Resources, Bureau of Watershed Management (WT/3), 101 S. Webster Street, Madison, Wisconsin 53703, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling Tom Bauman at (608) 266-9993, e-mail at [thomas.bauman@wisconsin.gov](mailto:thomas.bauman@wisconsin.gov), or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (usually 20 cents per page) will be charged for copies of information in the file other than the public notice and fact sheet. 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.