

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INFORMATIONAL HEARING AND INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0050237-10-0

Permittee: Agropur Inc, N2915 County Road AB, Luxemburg, WI, 54217-7713

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Agropur Inc Luxemburg Plant, N2915 County Road AB, Luxemburg

Receiving Water And Location: Tributary of the East Twin River in East Twin River Watershed of Twin - Door – Kewaunee River Basin in Kewaunee County

Brief Facility Description: Agropur Inc in Luxemburg operates a cheese manufacturing and whey processing facility in southern Kewaunee County. The wastewater treatment facility (WWTF) currently consists of low and high strength waste equalization tanks, anaerobic conditioning tank, anaerobic digester, anaerobic dissolved air floatation (DAFs) unit, anoxic selector tank, aeration basins, secondary clarification, tertiary filtration with sand filters, post aeration tank, cooling towers, sludge storage tank, and belt filter press for sludge thickening. Chemical addition of ferric chloride and polymer are still added for phosphorus removal and additional sludge thickening and solids removal, respectively. Outfall 009 discharges to an unnamed tributary of the East Twin River and consists of the combination of treated process wastewater, excess polished condensate of whey (COW), retentate from the industrial reverse osmosis (RO) unit, and noncontact cooling water (NCCW). High strength wastewater that was previously segregated and land applied is now treated in the WWTF and discharged as treated process wastewater. The facility still has the option of segregating high strength waste for land application to approved sites and storage facilities via Outfall 002 as necessary. The high strength wastewater could be comprised of whey, whey-by-products, permeate, antibiotic contaminated milk, separator desludge and/or cooker water. Sludge from the WWTF was previously land applied on approved sites via Outfall 004 but is now disposed of at a landfill. The facility still has the option of land applying sludge to approved sites via Outfall 004 if that is deemed necessary. An additional emergency outfall (005) has been retained for land application of untreated process wastewater in the event of an emergency.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Ashley Clark, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI, 54313, (920) 857-0450, AshleyM.Clark@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Trevor Moen, 625 E County Road Y, Suite 700, Oshkosh, WI 54901, (920) 410-5192, Trevor.Moen@wisconsin.gov

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

Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Land application of waste shall be done in accordance with permit conditions and applicable codes. All land application sites shall be approved prior to their use. To receive a list of approved sites, or to be notified of potential approvals, contact the above-named basin engineer.

Hearing Date, Time, and Location: **Monday June 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2026 at 10:00am**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/FT9k-uER6uO0POOpUfMAw>

Hearing Officer, Name, Address, City/State/Zip , and Phone: Ashley Clark, 2984 Shawano Avenue, Green Bay, WI 54313, 920-857-0450

The Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to s. 283.49, Wis. Stats, has scheduled for the time and place listed above, a public hearing for the purpose of giving all interested persons an opportunity to make a statement with respect to the above announced permit action for this existing discharge. The hearing will be held less than 30 days from the public notice due to the request for a hearing following historical public comments.

A hearing officer will conduct the hearing in an orderly and speedy way 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 officer will open the hearing and make a concise statement of the scope and purpose of the hearing and shall state what procedures will be used 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 put limits on individual oral statements to ensure 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 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. 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, fact sheet and permit application, may be inspected and copied at either the above-named permit drafter's office or the above named basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (920) 857-0450 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, permit 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