

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-0056294-08-0

Permittee: Back Road Beef LLC

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Back Road Beef LLC, W6919 Grogan Road Fort Atkinson, WI 53538; SEQ and NEQ SEC 31; T5N; R14E; Jefferson County, WI

Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the **Lake Koshkonong and Rock River Watersheds**

Brief Facility Description : Back Road Beef LLC is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). Back Road Beef LLC is owned and operated by the Naber Family. The farm currently has the capacity to house 2,300 animal units consisting of 2300 market steers. Back Road Beef LLC has a total of about 1,750 acres available for land application of manure and process wastewater, of which 773 acres are owned, and 1,137 acres are rented or controlled under manure contracts. Back Road Beef LLC has no planned expansion during the proposed permit term. Approximately 6 million gallons of manure and process wastewater and 5,700 tons of solid manure is estimated to be generated in the first year of the permit term. The farm has proposed 267 days of liquid manure storage and at least 59 days of solid manure storage. Back Road Beef LLC is currently working with Fort Atkinson wastewater treatment plant which receives all of the process wastewater from the Slurrystore and feed storage runoff controls.

One facility will be covered under Back Road Beef LLC WPDES Permit. The site is located at W6920 Grogan Road, Fort Atkinson WI 53538 and is composed of 11 lots and barns, one feed storage area, and three waste storage facilities.

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

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Eric Struck, WDNR, 141 NW Barstow Street, Suite 180, Waukesha, WI, 53188-3789, (608) 422-1512, Eric.Struck@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 (608) 422-1512 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.