

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-0064505-04-0

Permittee: Bomaz Farms, 426 165 St, Hammond, WI, 54015

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Bomaz Farms, 426 165th street Hammond

Receiving Water and Location: Surface water and groundwater within the Kinnickinnic River and St. Croix River Watersheds

Brief Facility Description : Bomaz Farms is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) dairy farm in St. Croix County, within the township of Pleasant Valley. The dairy has been a permitted CAFO since August 2010 and is owned/operated by Bob Zwald, Tom Zwald, and Annette Schalla of the Zwald Family. The dairy houses 1,600 milking/dry cows, 600 heifers, and 350 calves (~2,905 animal units). The dairy is not proposing to expand during the next five-year permit term.

Bomaz Farms consists of two sites: Main Dairy Site and Heifer Site. The Main Dairy Site consists of cow barns; rotary milking parlor; feed storage pad; three waste storage facilities; mortality composting pad; sand settling lane, and sand stacking bunker. The Heifer Site consists of multiple heifer sheds, two concrete heifer lots, calf hutch housing area, and Slurry Store.

The Bomaz Farms Nutrient Management Plan contains 3,364.4 acres, of which 3,243.7 acres are suitable for manure applications. It is estimated Bomaz Farms will generate roughly 27.6 million gallons of manure and process wastewater and 2,000 tons of solid manure in the first year of the permit term. Based on annual manure and process wastewater generation totals, it is estimated Bomaz Farms will have 467 days of storage. CAFOs are required to maintain a minimum of 180 days of storage.

The Department has tentatively decided that the Bomaz Farms WPDES CAFO permit should be reissued.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Jeff Jackson, Baldwin DNR Field Office, 890 Spruce St, Baldwin, WI, 54002, (715) 210-1415, Jeffrey.Jackson@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 (715) 210-1415 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.