

# Permit Fact Sheet

## General Information

Permit Number	WI-0066737-02-0
Permittee Name and Address	Branch View Dairy LLC 7500 Village Dr., Whitelaw, WI 54247
Permitted Facility Name and Address	Branch View Dairy LLC 7500 Village Dr., Whitelaw, WI 54247
Permit Term	October 01, 2026 to September 30, 2031
Discharge Location	7500 Village Drive; Whitelaw, WI 54247; Manitowoc County; T20N, R23E, SW ¼ of Sec 33
Receiving Water	Branch River within the Branch River Watershed, and groundwaters of the state
Discharge Type	Existing

Animal Units					
	Current AU		Proposed AU (Note: If all zeroes, expansions are not expected during permit term)		
	Mixed	Individual	Mixed	Individual	Date of Proposed Expansion
Animal Type					
Milking and Dry Cows	1330	1359	0	0	
Heifers (400 lbs. to 800 lbs.)	120	200	0	0	
Heifers (800 lbs. to 1200 lbs.)	220	200	0	0	
Total	1670	1359	0	0	

## Facility Description

Branch View Dairy LLC is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO.) Branch View Dairy LLC is owned and operated by the Resch family and consists of a single production site. This farm currently has 1,670 animal units (950 milking & dry cows, 400 heifers). The farm does not plan to expand within this permit term. Branch View Dairy LLC currently has 2,167 acres (812 owned and 1,365 controlled through contracts, rental agreements or leases, or under manure agreements) of which 2,155 are spreadable acres. Branch View Dairy LLC currently has at least 275 days of storage for liquid manure and wastewater.

## Substantial Compliance Determination

After a desk top review of all discharge monitoring reports, land application reports, compliance schedule items, and a site visit on 9/4/2025, this facility has been found to be in substantial compliance with their current permit.

Compliance determination made by Trenton Brenny (WDNR CAFO Specialist) on 6/2/2026.

## Sample Point Description

<b>Sample Point Designation For Animal Waste</b>	
<b>Sample Point Number</b>	<b>Sample Point Location, Waste Type/Sample Contents and Treatment Description (as applicable)</b>
001	Sample point (001) is for liquid waste storage facility 1A (WSF 1A) located at Branch View Dairy LLC. WSF 1A is an in-place earthen storage located east of the freestall barns and west of the feed pad. The facility has an available storage volume of 953,608 gallons and was constructed in 2025 with Department approval. This storage accepts manure and process wastewater from the east freestall barn, east animal barn, and the parlor.
002	Sample point (002) is for liquid waste storage facility 1B (WSF 1B) located at Branch View Dairy LLC. WSF 1B is concrete storage located north of WSF 1A. The facility has an available storage volume of 324,074 gallons and was constructed in 2025 with Department approval. This storage accepts process wastewater from the feed storage area.
003	Sample point (003) is for liquid waste storage facility 2R (WSF 2R) located at Branch View Dairy LLC. WSF 2R is an in-place earthen storage located on the west side of the production area. The facility has an available storage volume of 7,641,012 gallons and was constructed in 2025 with Department approval. This storage accepts manure and process wastewater from the freestall barns.
005	Sample point (005) is for manure solids removed from bottom of liquid waste storage facilities. This includes manure-laden sand solids, manure fiber solids, etc. Representative samples shall be taken from each waste storage facility.
006	Sample point (006) is for solid manure stacked in approved headland stacking locations. Representative samples shall be taken of this manure prior to land application. Note: Headland stacking sites are subject to production site discharge limitations; weekly visual monitoring is required during use of stacking sites to ensure discharges meet permit requirements.
007	Sample point (007) is for solid manure sources that are directly land applied and not stored in a waste storage facility. This includes solid sources such as calf hutch manure, maternity pen bedpack, heifer bedpack, steer manure, etc. Representative samples shall be taken for each manure source type.
008	Sample point (008) is for digested/separated manure solids. These are typically reused as bedding and stored in the manure solids building adjacent to the west freestall barn. Proper operation and maintenance is required to ensure discharges of process wastewater to waters of the state do not occur. Weekly inspections are required and shall be recorded according to monitoring program. Separated solids may also be distributed to another party according to Department approval and Distribution of Manure and Process Wastewater section of permit.
009	Sample point (009) is for visual monitoring and inspection of the feed storage areas and associated runoff control systems located at Branch View Dairy LLC. Proper operation and maintenance is required to ensure discharges of process wastewater to waters of the state do not occur. Weekly inspections are required and shall be recorded according to monitoring program.

# Permit Requirements

## 1 Livestock Operations - Proposed Operation and Management

### Production Area Discharge Limitations

Beginning on the effective date of the permit, the permittee may not discharge pollutants from the operation's production area (e.g., manure storage areas, outdoor animal lots, composting and leachate containment systems, milking center wastewater treatment/containment systems, raw material storage areas) to navigable waters, except in the event a 25-year, 24-hour rainfall event (or greater) causes the discharge from a structure which is properly designed and maintained to contain a 25-year, 24-hour rainfall event for this location as determined under s. NR 243.04. If an allowable discharge occurs from the production area, state water quality standards may not be exceeded.

### Runoff Control

The permit requires control of contaminated runoff from all elements of the production area to prevent a discharge of pollutants to navigable waters in accordance with the Production Area Discharge Limitations and to comply with surface water quality standards and groundwater standards. Beginning on the effective date of this permit, (if needed) interim measures shall be implemented to prevent discharges of pollutants to navigable waters. In addition, permanent runoff control system(s) shall be designed, operated and maintained in accordance with the requirements found in USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service standards and ch. NR 243, Wis. Adm. Code. If any upgrading or modifications to runoff controls are necessary, formal engineering plans and specifications must be submitted to the Department for approval.

### Manure and Process Wastewater Storage

The permit requires the operation to have adequate storage for manure and process wastewater and that storage or containment facilities are designed, operated and maintained to prevent overflows and discharges to waters of the state. In order to prevent overflows, the permittee must maintain levels of materials in liquid storage or containment facilities at or below certain levels including a one foot margin of safety that can never be exceeded. If any upgrading or modifications to the storage facilities are necessary, formal engineering plans and specifications must be submitted to the Department for approval.

The permittee currently has approximately 275 days of storage for liquid manure. The permittee must maintain 180 days of storage, unless temporary reductions in required storage are approved by the Department.

### Solid Manure Stacking

The operation has proposed to stack solid manure. All stacking of solid manure shall be done in accordance ch. NR 243, Wis. Adm. Code, which includes restrictions from NRCS Standard 313. Stacking of manure is considered to be part of the production area and is subject to the Production Area Discharge Limitations.

### Ancillary Service and Storage Areas

The permittee shall take preventative maintenance actions and conduct visual inspections to minimize pollutant discharges from areas of the operation that are not part of the production area or land application areas. These areas are called ancillary service and storage areas and include access roads, shipping and receiving areas, maintenance areas, refuse piles and CAFO outdoor vegetated areas.

### Nutrient Management

With 1,670 animal units, it is estimated that approximately 13,317,680 gallons of manure and process wastewater and 100 tons of solid manure will be produced per year. The permittee owns *approximately* 812 acres of cropland and rents about 1,365 acres. Given the rotation commonly used by the permittee, 2,155 acres are available (or open) to receive manure and process wastewater on an annual basis. The permit requires all landspreading of manure and process wastewater be completed in accordance with an approved nutrient management plan. The permit will require sampling and analysis of manure and process wastewater that will be landspread. Landspreading rates must be adjusted based on sample analysis. The permit requires the permittee to maintain a daily log that documents landspreading activities. The permit also

requires the submittal of an annual report that summarizes all landspreading activities. Plans must be updated annually to reflect cropping plans and other operational changes. Among the requirements, the plans must include detailed landspreading information including field by field nutrient budgets.

The permittee is required to implement a number of practices to address potential water quality impacts associated with the land application of manure and process wastewater. Among the permit conditions are restrictions on manure ponding, restrictions on runoff of manure and process wastewater from cropped fields, and setbacks from wells and direct conduits to groundwater (e.g., sinkholes, fractured bedrock at the surface). In addition, the permittee must implement a phosphorus based nutrient management plan that addresses phosphorus delivery to surface waters by basing manure and process wastewater applications on soil test phosphorus levels or the Wisconsin Phosphorus index. Additional phosphorus application restrictions apply to fields that are high in soil test phosphorus (>100 ppm).

The permittee must also implement conservation practices when applying manure near navigable waters and their conduits, referred to as the Surface Water Quality Management Area (SWQMA). These practices include a 100-foot setback from navigable waters and their conduits, a 35-foot vegetated buffer adjacent to the navigable water or conduit, or a practice that provides equivalent pollutant reductions equivalent to or better than the 100-foot setback.

In addition, the permittee must comply with restrictions on land application of manure and process wastewater on frozen or snow-covered ground. Included in these restrictions is a prohibition on surface applications of solid manure (≥12% solids) on frozen or snow-covered ground during February and March. Non-emergency surface applications of liquid manure (<12%) on frozen or snow-covered ground are prohibited.

**Monitoring and Sampling Requirements**

The permittee must submit a monitoring and inspection program that outlines how the permittee will conduct self-inspections to determine compliance with permit conditions. These self-inspections include visual inspections of water lines, diversion devices, storage and containment structures and other parts of the production area. The permit requires periodic inspections and calibrations of landspreading equipment. The permittee must take corrective actions to problems identified inspections or otherwise notify the Department. Samples of manure, process wastewater and soils receiving land applied materials from the operation must also be collected and analyzed.

**Sampling Points**

The permit identifies the different sources of land applied materials (e.g., manure storage facilities, milking centers, egg-washing facilities) as “Sampling Points.” For these Sampling Points, the permittee is required to sample and analyze the different sources for nutrients and other parameters which serve as the basis for determining rates of application for these materials. Other areas are also identified as Sampling Points as a means of identifying them as areas requiring action by the permittee, such as an upgrade or evaluation of a certain system or structure (e.g., runoff control systems), even though sampling is not actually required.

**1.1 Sample Point Number: 001- WSF 1A; 002- WSF 1B; 003- WSF 2R**

Monitoring Requirements and Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Nitrogen, Total		lb/1000gal	2/Month	Grab	
Nitrogen, Available		lb/1000gal	2/Month	Calculated	
Phosphorus, Total		lb/1000gal	2/Month	Grab	
Phosphorus, Available		lb/1000gal	2/Month	Calculated	

Monitoring Requirements and Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Solids, Total		Percent	2/Month	Grab	

### 1.1.1 Changes from Previous Permit

Sample Points 001, 002, and 003 were all modified in the previous permit term to meet permit requirements. This work was completed with Department approval.

### 1.1.2 Explanation of Operation and Management Requirements

Liquid manure and process wastewater is required to be sampled twice per month that land application occurs. Samples are to be analyzed for the parameters listed in the table above. Land application shall occur in accordance with the operation's approved nutrient management plan. Liquid manure storage structures shall be inspected according to the operation's monitoring and inspection program. Inspection findings shall be submitted to the department annually on January 31.

## 1.2 Sample Point Number: 005- Settled Solid Manure; 006- Headland Stacking; 007- Miscellaneous Solid Manure; 008- Digested/Seperated Solids

Monitoring Requirements and Limitations					
Parameter	Limit Type	Limit and Units	Sample Frequency	Sample Type	Notes
Nitrogen, Total		lbs/ton	Quarterly	Grab	
Nitrogen, Available		lbs/ton	Quarterly	Calculated	
Phosphorus, Total		lbs/ton	Quarterly	Grab	
Phosphorus, Available		lbs/ton	Quarterly	Calculated	
Solids, Total		Percent	Quarterly	Grab	

### 1.2.1 Changes from Previous Permit

No changes were made to Sample Point 005, 006, 007, or 008.

### 1.2.2 Explanation of Operation and Management Requirements

Solid manure is required to be sampled once per quarter that land application occurs. Samples are to be analyzed for the parameters listed in the table above. Land application shall occur in accordance with the operation's approved nutrient management plan. Solid manure storage structures shall be inspected according to the operation's monitoring and inspection program. Inspection findings shall be submitted to the department annually on January 31.

## 1.3 Sample Point Number: 009- Feed Storage Areas

### 1.3.1 Changes from Previous Permit

No changes were made to Sample Point 009.

### 1.3.2 Explanation of Operation and Management Requirements

Sample Point 009 are required to be inspected in accordance with the operation's monitoring and inspection program. Results shall be submitted to the department annually on January 31.

## 2 Schedules

### 2.1 Emergency Response Plan

Required Action	Due Date
Develop Emergency Response Plan: Develop a written Emergency Response Plan within 30 days of permit coverage, available to the Department upon request.	11/01/2026

### 2.2 Monitoring & Inspection Program

Required Action	Due Date
Proposed Monitoring and Inspection Program: Consistent with the Monitoring and Sampling Requirements subsection, the permittee shall submit a proposed monitoring and inspection program within 30 days of the effective date of this permit.	11/01/2026

### 2.3 Annual Reports

Submit Annual Reports by January 31st of each year in accordance with the Annual Reports subsection in Standard Requirements.

Required Action	Due Date
Submit Annual Report #1: To include monitoring and inspection results from the previous 12 months, consistent with the requirements of department form 3400-025E.	01/31/2027
Submit Annual Report #2: To include monitoring and inspection results from the previous 12 months, consistent with the requirements of department form 3400-025E.	01/31/2028
Submit Annual Report #3: To include monitoring and inspection results from the previous 12 months, consistent with the requirements of department form 3400-025E.	01/31/2029
Submit Annual Report #4: To include monitoring and inspection results from the previous 12 months, consistent with the requirements of department form 3400-025E.	01/31/2030

Submit Annual Report #5: To include monitoring and inspection results from the previous 12 months, consistent with the requirements of department form 3400-025E.	01/31/2031
Ongoing Annual Reports: Continue to submit Annual Reports until permit reissuance has been completed.	

## 2.4 Nutrient Management Plan

Submit annual nutrient management plan (NMP) updates by March 31 of each year. Note, in addition to annual NMP updates, submit NMP amendments and substantial revisions to the department for written approval prior to implementation of any changes to the NMP.

Required Action	Due Date
Management Plan Submittal: Submit any necessary updates to the Nutrient Management Plan to meet the conditions outlined in this permit (see conditions in the Livestock Operational and Sampling Requirements section).	
Submit NMP Update #1: To include actual cropping, tillage, and nutrient application data from the previous calendar or crop year, consistent with the requirements of department for 3400-025D.	03/31/2027
Submit NMP Update #2: To include actual cropping, tillage, and nutrient application data from the previous calendar or crop year, consistent with the requirements of department for 3400-025D.	03/31/2028
Submit NMP Update #3: To include actual cropping, tillage, and nutrient application data from the previous calendar or crop year, consistent with the requirements of department for 3400-025D.	03/31/2029
Submit NMP Update #4: To include actual cropping, tillage, and nutrient application data from the previous calendar or crop year, consistent with the requirements of department for 3400-025D.	03/31/2030
Submit NMP Update #5: To include actual cropping, tillage, and nutrient application data from the previous calendar or crop year, consistent with the requirements of department for 3400-025D.	03/31/2031
Ongoing Management Plan Annual Updates: Continue to submit Annual Updates to the Nutrient Management Plan until permit reissuance has been completed.	

## 2.5 Submit Permit Reissuance Application

Required Action	Due Date
Reissuance Application: Submit a complete permit reissuance application 180 days prior to permit expiration.	04/01/2031

## 2.6 Explanation of Schedules

Schedule items 2.1, 2.2, 2.3, 2.4, and 2.5 are typical and required for all CAFO permittees.

## **Attachments**

Map(s)

Plan Approval Letter(s)

**Prepared By: Trent Brenny**

**Agricultural Runoff Management Specialist**

**Date: 6/2/2026**





May 14, 2026

Manitowoc County  
Approval

Andrew Resch  
Branch View Dairy LLC  
7500 Village Drive  
Whitelaw, WI 54247

SUBJECT: Conditional Approval of Branch View Dairy LLC Nutrient Management Plan, WPDES Permit No. 0066737-02-0

Dear Andrew Resch:

After completing a review of Branch View Dairy LLC 2027-2031 Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Department) is providing conditional approval that it is consistent with Nutrient Management Requirements in s. NR 243, Wis. Adm. Code. This part of your WPDES permit application is now ready for the public notice and comment process as required by Ch. 283 Stats.

Before applying manure onto approved fields each season, the Department recommends Branch View Dairy LLC review the NMP with those individuals involved with manure applications to ensure all remain familiar with the approved manure spreading protocol, spreading maps, field and map verification, record keeping requirements, and all the conditions of this approval.

#### FINDINGS OF FACT

The Department confirms that:

1. A current dairy herd size of 1670 animal units (950 milking & dry cows, 400 heifers). Currently there are no planned expansions in the next permit term.
2. Manure generation and spreading records indicate your herd will annually generate approximately 13,317,680 gallons of manure and process wastewater and 100 tons of solid manure in the first year of the permit term.
3. The use of application restriction options 1, 2, and 5 within surface water quality management areas.
4. The use of phosphorus delivery method P Index.
5. That Branch View Dairy LLC currently has 2167 acres (812 owned and 1365 controlled through contracts, rental agreements or leases, or under manure agreements) of which 2155 are spreadable acres.
6. That all fields will be checked for the following features prior to/during manure or process wastewater applications: soil areas with possible shallow groundwater (i.e., within 24 inches of surface) at the time of manure application; required setbacks associated with wells, navigable waters, conduits to navigable waters, grassed waterways, wetlands, possible soil erosion/flow channels.
7. That surface applications of manure will not be completed when precipitation capable of producing runoff is forecasted within 24 hours of the time of planned application.

## CONDITIONAL NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL

The Department hereby approves the 2027-2031 Branch View Dairy LLC Nutrient Management Plan subject to the following conditions and the applicable requirements of Ch. NR 243, Wis. Adm. Code:

### FIELD AND MANURE MANAGEMENT

1. Fields not included in the NMP and new fields shall not receive manure or process wastewater applications until they have been properly soil sampled, entered into Snap Plus, evaluated for their nutrient needs, and approved by the Department.
2. The following fields have also been approved to receive industrial, municipal, or septage waste:

Field Name	Other Permittee Name	Other Permittee Field Name	DNR #
2	NLC ENERGY DENMARK LLC	BDLJSR33-BR4	123712
2	NLC ENERGY DENMARK LLC	BDLJSR33-BR1	123710
5	NLC ENERGY DENMARK LLC	BDLJSR33-BR4	123712
5	NLC ENERGY DENMARK LLC	BDLJSR33-BR3	123711
5	NLC ENERGY DENMARK LLC	BDLJSR33-BR2	16768
5	NLC ENERGY DENMARK LLC	BDLJSR33-BR1	123710
14	NLC ENERGY DENMARK LLC	BR-1	121399
15	NLC ENERGY DENMARK LLC	BR-1	121399
16	NLC ENERGY DENMARK LLC	BR-1	121399
17	NLC ENERGY DENMARK LLC	BR-1	121399
18	NLC ENERGY DENMARK LLC	BR-1	121399
20	NLC ENERGY DENMARK LLC	RBVD2930-R1	123818
21	NLC ENERGY DENMARK LLC	RBVD2930-R1	123818
22	NLC ENERGY DENMARK LLC	BZ-2	121240
23	NLC ENERGY DENMARK LLC	BZ-2	121240
24	NLC ENERGY DENMARK LLC	BZ-2	121240
27	NLC ENERGY DENMARK LLC	RBVD2930-R2	123819
28	NLC ENERGY DENMARK LLC	BN-1	120837
BTS H11	MANITOWOC WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY	SH-11	120222
BTS H2	MANITOWOC WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY	SH-1	120214
BTS H2	MANITOWOC WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY	SH-2	120215
BTS H3	MANITOWOC WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY	SH-3	120217
BTS H4	MANITOWOC WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY	SH-4	120218
BTS H6	MANITOWOC WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY	SH-6	120219
BTS H7	MANITOWOC WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY	SH-7	120220
BTS H9	MANITOWOC WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY	SH-9	120221
HB	NLC ENERGY DENMARK LLC	BN-2	121403
HB	NLC ENERGY DENMARK LLC	BN-3	121405

Prior to any manure applications on these fields Branch View Dairy LLC shall contact the entities listed above to obtain recent spreading records and make the necessary adjustments to the planned manure application rates. At the end of each year Branch View Dairy LLC shall contact each entity listed above to obtain spreading records from the previous year so that they can be properly tracked in the NMP. Please Note: Branch View Dairy LLC is responsible for obtaining nutrient content values for all other wastes spread on any field in their NMP.

3. The following fields are prohibited from receiving applications of manure or process wastewater until updated soil samples can be taken:
- 27
  - Darrell H

If Branch View Dairy LLC wishes to use these fields for applications of manure or process wastewater all necessary information shall be submitted to the Department prior to application to demonstrate compliance with NR 243 and other applicable codes. Written Department approval amending this condition approval must be received prior to application.

4. If existing fields yield a soil test results equal to or greater than 200 ppm P, those fields would be prohibited from receiving manure or process wastewater applications, unless you obtain Department approval in accordance with NR 243.14(5)(b)2., Wis. Adm. Code.
5. All liquid manure samples collected may be analyzed, at a minimum, for percent dry matter, total nitrogen, percent NH<sub>4</sub>-N, percent NO<sub>3</sub>-N, phosphorus, potassium, and sulfur.
6. If manure sample results have a dry matter (DM) content less than 2.0% and the percent ammonium (NH<sub>4</sub><sup>+</sup>) is greater than 75% of the total N, Branch View Dairy LLC may use the following equation to adjust the first year available nitrogen when applications are injected or incorporated within 1 hour:

$$\text{First-Year Available N} = \text{NH}_4\text{-N} + [0.25 \times (\text{Total N} - \text{NH}_4\text{-N})]$$

7. Branch View Dairy LLC shall record daily manure applications by using form 3200-123A.
8. Branch View Dairy LLC shall annually submit a spreading report that summarizes the land application activities listed under NR 243.19(3)(c)5., Wis. Adm. Code by using form 3200-123.

#### WINTER SPREADING

9. Liquid manure applications during winter conditions, as defined by NR 243.14(7), Wis. Adm. Code, are prohibited with the exception of emergency applications.
10. The following field(s) are approved for winter spreading solid manure and emergency applications of liquid manure and frozen liquid manure:
- 1
  - 2
  - 5
  - 14
  - 15
  - 16
  - 18
  - 20
  - 27
  - Ron M
11. Winter spreading of solid and liquid manure may not occur during the “high risk runoff period” pursuant to s. NR 243.14(6)(c) and NR 243.14(7)(c), respectively.
12. Winter applications of liquid manure shall only occur under emergency situations, after notifying the Department and receiving verbal approval.
13. Liquid applications shall be limited to 3,500 gallons per acre or 30 lbs. P per acre, whichever is less, on slopes 2-6% and 7,000 gallons per acre or 60 lbs. P per acre, whichever is less, on slopes 0-2%. Winter applications of solid manure shall be limited to 60 lbs. P per acre.

#### HEADLAND STACKING

14. No headland stacking sites are approved.

## MANURE & PROCESS WASTEWATER IRRIGATION

15. Irrigation of manure or process wastewater is prohibited.

## SUBMITAL AND RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS

16. A copy of this conditional approval shall be included in all future annual Nutrient Management Plan Updates in addition to the NR 243 and NRCS 590 checklists.

17. The farm is required to take a minimum number of manures samples to meet permit requirements as follows:

- Solid Manure: One solid sample per source on a quarterly basis when hauling occurs.
- Liquid Manure: Two liquid samples per source on a monthly basis when hauling occurs.

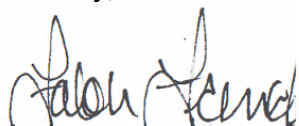
18. A written strategy is due to the department by May 28th, 2026 which outlines how the farm will prevent future over applications of nutrients. This can be submitted to the department via email as a paragraph in a stand alone document or in an updated narrative.

This conditional approval does not limit the Department's regulatory authority to require NMP revisions (based upon new information or manure irrigation research findings) or request additional information in order to confirm or ensure your farm operation remains in compliance with NR 243 and your WPDES permit conditions. If additional information, project changes or other circumstances indicate a possible need to modify this approval, the Department may ask you to provide further information relating to this activity.

Please keep in mind that approval by the Department of Natural Resources – Runoff Management Program does not relieve you of obligations to meet all other applicable federal, state or local permits, zoning and regulatory requirements.

If you have any questions regarding this approval I can be reached at (608) 228-5265 or [Falon.French@Wisconsin.gov](mailto:Falon.French@Wisconsin.gov).

Sincerely,



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Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources

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File



May 7, 2026

FILE REF: R-2026-0065  
 WPDES Permit #: WI-0066737

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Subject: Days of Storage Review for Branch View Dairy LLC T20N, R23E, Section 33 in Kossuth Township, Manitowoc County – NO ADDITIONAL ACTION REQUIRED

Dear Mr. Resch:

This letter is to inform you that the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (Department) has completed its review of the calculation of days of storage submitted under certification by Pat Kuehl, Robert E Lee & Associates on March 25, 2026 with revisions received on April 14, 2026 on behalf of Branch View Dairy LLC.

The Department reviewed the submitted calculations in accordance with ss. NR 243.14(9) and NR 243.15(3)(i) to (k), Wis. Adm. Code. Under s. NR 243.17(3)(c), Wis. Adm. Code, the permittee shall demonstrate compliance with the 180-day design storage capacity requirement at specified times. For the following liquid manure storage calculations, the Department has determined **no additional actions** on your part are required.

**Days of Available Liquid Waste Storage:** The submitted information states that Branch View Dairy LLC has 275 days of liquid waste storage based on the volumes listed in the table below with respect to s. NR 243.15(3)(i) to (k), Wis. Adm. Code. The current number of animal units provided for the calculation is 1,670. The liquid waste volumes are based on the NRCS spreadsheet and other estimated or calculated values for a collection period of 365 days. All WSFs have 2 ft deep sumps to empty the storages fully. Feed storage area runoff is stored separately of manure in the WSF1B and is included in a separate process wastewater only spreadsheet. Calculations indicate that Branch View Dairy has 62 days of available storage for process wastewater only.

Waste Storage	Total Vol. from Settled Top to Bottom	Remaining Waste	25yr, 24hr Precip. on Storage	25yr, 24hr Collected Runoff	Freeboard Vol.	Max. Operating Level (MOL) Vol.
WSF1A	1,175,265	0	58,335	12,897	150,425	953,608
WSF2R	8,628,995	0	266,597	23,465	697,921	7,641,012
Total MOL Vol:						8,594,620
Days of Storage:						<b>275</b>

Liquids Collected/Stored	Annual Gallons
Manure and Bedding	9,025,768
Parlor Wastewater	657,000
Runoff Contributing Areas	249,875
Net Precipitation on Storage Surfaces	1,469,065
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>11,401,708</b>

Waste Storage	Total Vol. from Settled Top to Bottom	Remaining Waste	25yr, 24hr Precip. on Storage	25yr, 24hr Collected Runoff	Freeboard Vol.	Max. Operating Level (MOL) Vol.
<b>WSF1B</b>	713,297	0	38,282	252,913	98,028	324,074
<b>Total MOL Vol:</b>						<b>324,074</b>
<b>Days of Storage:</b>						<b>62</b>

Liquids Collected/Stored	Annual Gallons
Feed Storage Leachate	27,377
East Feed Storage Runoff Collected	1,422,323
West Feed Storage Runoff Collected	293,196
Net Precipitation on Storage Surface	173,077
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>1,915,973</b>

Should you have any questions, please contact Tony Salituro, DNR Madison office or your regional CAFO Specialist.

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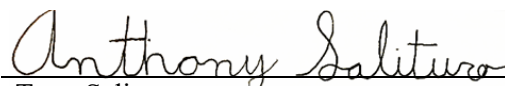
If you believe that you have a right to challenge this decision, you should know that the Wisconsin statutes and administrative rules establish time periods within which requests to review Department decisions must be filed. For judicial review of a decision pursuant to WIS. STAT. §§ 227.52 and 227.53, you have 30 days after the decision is mailed, or otherwise served by the Department, to file your petition with the appropriate circuit court and serve the petition on the Department. Such a petition for judicial review must name the Department of Natural Resources as the respondent.

To request a contested case hearing pursuant to WIS. STAT. § 227.42, you have 30 days after the decision is mailed, or otherwise served by the Department, to serve a petition for hearing on the Secretary of the Department of Natural Resources. All requests for contested case hearings must be made in accordance with WIS. ADMIN. CODE § NR 2.05(5), and served on the Secretary in accordance with WIS. ADMIN. CODE § NR 2.03. The filing of a request for a contested case hearing does not extend the 30-day period for filing a petition for judicial review.

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