

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-0062243-04-0

Permittee: Clark County Cattle Company, 216770 Bridgewater Ave., Unity, WI, 54488

Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the O'Neill and Cunningham Creeks Watershed of the Black River Basin.

Brief Facility Description : Clark County Cattle Company is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) located in the Township of Grant, Clark County. The Clark County Cattle Company consists of two production sites: the 4C Farm site located at W4733 County Road C, Neillsville WI 54456; and the FS Farm site located at W4445 County Road C, Neillsville WI 54456. The operation is operated by Terry Brost with a current herd size of 2,960 animal units. No large expansion is planned during the permit term. This herd size is projected to produce approximately 11.8 million gallons of liquid manure/process wastewater and 9,700 tons of solid manure. Liquid manure and process wastewater is currently stored in one (1) liquid waste storage facility at the 4C Farm Site and one (1) at the FS Farm Site. The current total usable storage capacity is approximately 8.2 million gallons or 255 days of storage capacity for liquid manure and at least 59 days for solid manure. A second liquid storage facility at the 4C Farm Site is planned for repair and eventual use during the permit term. A second liquid storage facility for feed pad runoff at the FS Farm Site is planned to be constructed during the permit term. Currently, Clark County Cattle Company has manure agreements with Four Star Ag LLC for 3,997 acres of cropland; of which 3,900 acres are available for manure applications.

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

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Todd Prill, DNR, 1300 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI, 54701, (715) 214-8576, Todd.Prill@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) 214-8576 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.

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