Permit Fact Sheet

General Information

Permit Number	WI-0065137-03-0
Permittee Name and Address	Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP 14329 Upper Falls Rd; Reedsville, WI 54230
Permitted Facility Name and Address	Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP 14329 Upper Falls Road; Reedsville, WI 54230; Manitowoc County: T19N, R22E, Sec. 28
Permit Term	January 01, 2027 to December 31, 2031
Receiving Water	Manitowoc River within the Lower Manitowoc River Watershed, and groundwaters of the state
Discharge Type	Existing CAFO

Animal Units					
	Current AU		**Proposed AU** **(Note: If all zeroes, expansions are not expected during permit term)**		
Animal Type	**Mixed**	**Individual**	**Mixed**	**Individual**	**Date of Proposed Expansion**
Dairy Calves (under 400 lbs.)	52	0	76	0	07/21/2028
Milking and Dry Cows	1351	1380	1680	1716	07/21/2028
Heifers (400 lbs. to 800 lbs.)	139	231	228	380	07/21/2028
Heifers (800 lbs. to 1200 lbs.)	273	248	418	380	07/21/2028
Total	1815	1380	2402	1716	

Facility Description

Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP is owned and operated by Robert Goehring. It currently has a current dairy herd size of 1,815 animal units (965 milking & dry cows, 479 heifers, and 262 calves). Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP currently has 1,842.7 acres (653 owned and 1189.7 controlled through contracts, rental agreements or leases, or under manure agreements) of which 1817.1 are spreadable acres. Manure generation and spreading records indicate the herd will annually generate approximately 13,335,378 gallons of manure and process wastewater in the first year of the permit term and 16,437,513 gallons of manure and process wastewater by the end of the permit term. Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP currently has 349 days of liquid waste storage onsite. After the planned expansion, the facility will have 283 days of liquid waste storage onsite.

Substantial Compliance Determination

After a desk top review of the annual reports, nutrient management plan updates, compliance schedule items, and a site visit on 9/12/2025, this facility has been found to be in substantial compliance with their current permit.

Compliance determination made by Trenton Brenny (WDNR CAFO Specialist) on 10/19/2026.

Sample Point Descriptions

Sample Point Designation For Animal Waste		
Sample Point Number	**Sample Point Location, Waste Type/Sample Contents and Treatment Description (as applicable)**	
001	WSF 1: Sample point 001 is for liquid waste storage facility 1 (WSF 1) located at Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP. WSF 1 is a concrete storage located directly east of the feed storage area. It is the first cell of a two-cell storage system. The facility has a maximum operating level of 2,341,654 gallons and was constructed in 1989. This storage accepts manure and process wastewater from the animal barns, milking parlor, and feed storage area. WSF 1 was evaluated in 2013 and modified in 2021 to meet permit requirements.	
002	WSF 2: Sample point 002 is for liquid waste storage facility 2 (WSF 2) located at Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP. WSF 2 is a clay-lined storage located northeast of WSF 1. It is the second cell of a two-cell storage system. The facility has a maximum operating level of 10,309,841 gallons. It was constructed in 2012 with Department approval and meets permit requirements. This storage accepts manure and process wastewater from WSF 1.	
003	WSF 3: Sample point 003 is for liquid waste storage facility 3 (WSF 3) located at Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP. WSF 3 is a concrete storage located directly south of the feed storage area. The facility has a maximum operating level of 112,323 gallons. It was constructed in 1990 and accepts manure and process wastewater from the dry cow barn and the adjacent outdoor lot. WSF 3 will require an engineering evaluation, see Schedules section for due dates.	
004	Miscellaneous Solid Manure - Sample point 004 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.	
005	Headland Stacking Solid Manure - Sample point 005 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.	
006	Feed Storage Area & Runoff Control System - Sample point 006 is for visual monitoring and inspection of the feed storage area and associated runoff control system located at Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP. The feed storage area and runoff control system modified in 2021 with Department approval. 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.	
007	Outdoor Lot & Runoff Control System - Sample point 007 is for visual monitoring and inspection of the outdoor lot and associated runoff control system located at Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP. Proper operation and maintenance is required to ensure discharges to waters of the state do not occur. Weekly inspections are required and shall be recorded according to monitoring program.	
008	Settled Solid Manure - Sample point 008 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.	
009	WSF 4: Sample point 009 is for liquid waste storage facility 4 (WSF 4) located at Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP. WSF 4 is a concrete storage facility with a maximum operating level of 548,166 gallons. This	

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	storage facility accepts process wastewater from the feed storage area. It was constructed in 2021 with Department approval and meets permit requirements.	

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 349 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 2,402 animal units, it is estimated that approximately 16,437,513 gallons of manure and process wastewater will be produced per year. The permittee owns *approximately* 653 acres acres of cropland and rents about 1,190 acres. Given the rotation commonly used by the permittee, 1,817 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 or 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 ($\geq$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 1; 002- WSF 2; 003- WSF 3, and 009- WSF 4

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	
Solids, Total		Percent	2/Month	Grab	

1.1.1 Changes from Previous Permit

No changes were made to Sample Point 001, 002, or 004. Sample Point 003 will require an evaluation during the upcoming permit term.

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: 004- Miscellaneous Solid Manure ; 005- Headland Stacking Sites, and 008- Settled Solid Manure

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 004, 005, 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: 006- Feed Storage Runoff Controls and 007- Outdoor Lot Runoff Controls

1.3.1 Changes from Previous Permit

No changes were made to Sample Point 006 or 007.

1.3.2 Explanation of Operation and Management Requirements

Sample Point 006 and 007 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.	02/01/2027

2.2 Explanation of Schedules

An emergency response plan is required to be developed per s. NR 243.13(6)(a) Wis. Admin. Code.

2.3 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.	02/01/2027

2.4 Explanation of Schedules

A monitoring and inspection program is required to be submitted per s. NR 243.19(1) Wis. Admin. Code.

2.5 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.	

2.6 Explanation of Schedules

Annual reports are required to be submitted per s. NR 243.19(3) Wis. Admin. Code.

2.7 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.	

2.8 Explanation of Schedules

Nutrient management plan updates are required to be submitted per s. NR 243.19(3) Wis. Admin. Code.

2.9 Manure Storage Facility - Engineering Evaluation

Engineering Evaluation for WSF 3

Required Action	Due Date
Retain Expert: Retain a qualified expert to complete an engineering evaluation for WSF 3 and report the name of the expert to the Department.	03/01/2027
Written Report: Submit a written report evaluating the existing manure storage facility's ability to meet the conditions in the Production Area Discharge Limitations and Manure and Process Wastewater Storage subsections and s. NR 243.15, Wis. Adm. Code. (See Standard Requirements for report details.)	10/01/2027
Plans and Specifications: Submit plans and specifications for Department review and approval in accordance with Chapter 281.41, Wis. Stats., and Chapter NR 243, Wis. Adm. Code, to permanently correct any adverse manure storage conditions.	01/01/2028
Corrections and Post Construction Documentation: Complete construction on the manure storage facility that permanently corrects any adverse conditions in concurrence with and approval by the Department, by the specified Date Due. Submit post construction documentation within 60 days of completion of the project.	12/01/2028

2.10 Explanation of Schedules

An engineering evaluation is required for WSF 3 due to observations made during the previous onsite inspection.

2.11 Submit Permit Reissuance Application

Required Action	Due Date
Reissuance Application: Submit a complete permit reissuance application 180 days prior to permit expiration.	06/01/2031

2.12 Explanation of Schedules

A permit reissuance application is required per s. NR 243.12(1)(d) Wis. Admin. Code.

Attachments

Map(s)

Plan Approval Letter(s): Days of Storage Review & Nutrient Management Plan Review

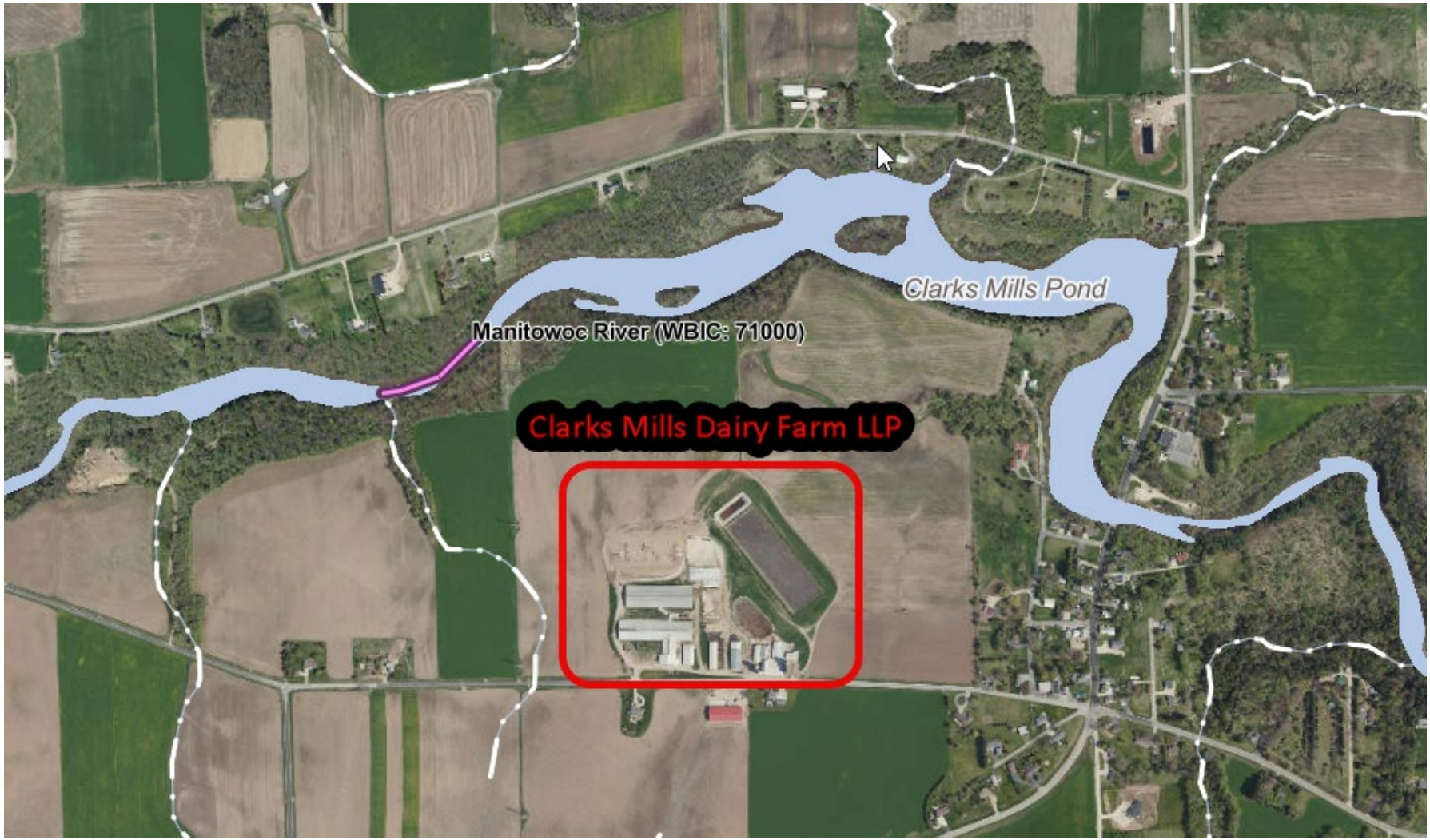
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Subject: Days of Storage Review for Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLPNW¼ of T19N, R22E, Section 28 in Cato Township, Manitowoc County – NO ADDITIONAL ACTION REQUIRED

Dear Robert Goehring:

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 Doug Gatrell P.E. , GHD Services, Inc on July 1, 2026 on behalf of Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP.

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 Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP has 349 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 1,815. The liquid waste volumes are based on the NRCS spreadsheet and other estimated or calculated values for a collection period of 365 days. All runoff from the concrete outdoor lot up to the 25-year, 24-hr storm is collected in permanent waste storage. All feed storage area leachate and runoff, up to the 25-year, 24-hr storm is collected in a Leachate Management Pond and is managed separately from manure waste. Because process wastewater is managed separately, it is excluded from the below tables. The farm produces approximately 2,160,850 gallons of process wastewater annually and has 93 days of process wastewater only storage.

Total Liquid Waste Storage Capacity (gallons)						
Waste Storage	**Total Vol. from Settled Top to Bottom**	**-Solids Storage**	**-25-yr, 24-hr Precip. on Storage**	**25-yr, 24-hr Collected Runoff**	**Freeboard Vol.**	**Max. Operating Level (MOL) Vol.**
#1	2,684,635		95,221		247,760	2,341,654
#2	12,990,872	1,236,655	399,005		1,045,371	10,309,841
Dry Cow Pit	153,190		7,165	14,554	19,149	112,322
					Total MOL Vol:	12,763,817
					Days of Storage:	**349**

Total Annual Liquid Waste Volume (NRCS Table Values)	
Liquids Collected/Stored	**Annual Gallons**
Manure and Bedding	10,891,965
Feedlot Runoff	106,024
Net Precipitation on Storage Surface(s)	2,337,389
TOTAL:	**13,335,378**

The farm has planned expansion in the upcoming permit term. Under the proposed condition the farm will have 283 days of storage for the proposed 2,402 animal units on site. There are no proposed increases to process wastewater production.

Total Liquid Waste Storage Capacity (gallons)						
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Liquids Collected/Stored	**Annual Gallons**
Manure and Bedding	13,994,100
Feedlot Runoff	106,024
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TOTAL:	**16,437,513**

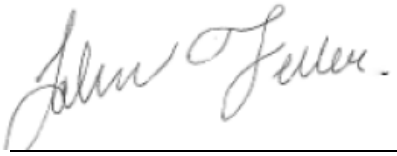
Should you have any questions, please contact Tabby Feller, DNR Madison office or your regional CAFO Specialist.

NOTICE OF APPEAL RIGHTS

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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Manitowoc County
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SUBJECT: Conditional Approval of Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP Nutrient Management Plan, WPDES Permit No. 0065137-03-0

Dear Robert Goehring:

After completing a review of Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP 2026-2030 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 Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP 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 1814.8 animal units (965 milking & dry cows, 479 heifers, and 262 calves). A planned herd size of 2402 animal units (1200 milking & dry cows, 760 heifers, and 380 calves) by the end of the next permit term.

2. Manure generation and spreading records indicate your herd will annually generate approximately 13,335,378 gallons of manure and process wastewater in the first year of the permit term and 16,437,513 gallons of manure and process wastewater by the end of the permit term. Approximately 2,160,850 gallons of feed leachate and runoff is collected and managed separately.

3. The use of application restriction options 1 and 5 within surface water quality management areas.

4. The use of phosphorus delivery method P Index.

5. That Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP currently has 1842.7 acres (653 owned and 1189.7 controlled through contracts, rental agreements or leases, or under manure agreements) of which 1817.1 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.

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CONDITIONAL NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN APPROVAL

The Department hereby approves the 2026-2030 Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP 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. 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.

3. All liquid manure samples collected may be analyzed, at a minimum, for percent dry matter, total nitrogen, percent NH_4-N, percent NO_3-N, phosphorus, potassium, and sulfur.

4. If manure sample results have a dry matter (DM) content less than 2.0% and the percent ammonium (NH_4^+) is greater than 75% of the total N, Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP may use the following equation to adjust the first year available nitrogen when applications are injected or incorporated within 1 hour:

$$\text{First-Year Available N} = NH_4\text{-N} + [0.25 \times (\text{Total N} - NH_4\text{-N})]$$

5. Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP shall record daily manure applications by using the Daily Spreading Log Report generated by SnapPlus. These forms shall be retained at the farm and provided to the department upon request.

6. Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP 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 the Annual Spreading Report generated by SnapPlus.

WINTER SPREADING

7. Liquid manure applications during winter conditions, as defined by NR 243.14(7), Wis. Adm. Code, are prohibited with the exception of emergency applications.

8. The following field(s) are approved for emergency applications of solid manure, liquid manure and frozen liquid manure, excluding areas with W soils:

• A	• DS-7	• JF	• K5	• M12
• BA	• DS-8	• JH	• L1	• Pete
• BB	• GG 2-3-4	• JI	• L2	• PR1
• BR6	• JE	• JK	• M11	

9. 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.

10. Winter applications of liquid manure shall only occur under emergency situations, after notifying the Department and receiving verbal approval.

11. 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

12. No headland stacking sites are approved.

NR243.143/151.075 SILURIAN BEDROCK PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

13. Manure generated by Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP that is mechanically applied to the following approved fields meet planning requirements under NR243.143/151.075, Silurian bedrock performance standards. The following fields are required to meet all requirements under NR243.143/151.075, Silurian bedrock performance standards immediately following this approval.
    - DS-5
    - DS-6
    - DS-9
    - JW-1
    - JW-3
    - JW-4
    - Krueger 1
    - Krueger 2

MANURE & PROCESS WASTEWATER IRRIGATION

14. Irrigation of manure or process wastewater is prohibited.

SUBMITAL AND RECORDKEEPING REQUIREMENTS

15. 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.

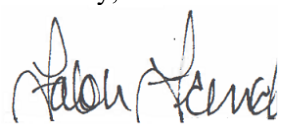
16. The farm is required to take a minimum number of manures samples to meet permit requirements as follows:
    - Solid Manure: One solid sample per source on a quarterly basis when hauling occurs.
    - Liquid Manure: Two liquid samples per source on a monthly basis when hauling occurs.

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 locate 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.

Sincerely,



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