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-0065137-03-0

Permittee: Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP, 14329 Upper Falls Rd, Reedsville, WI, 54230

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Clarks Mills Dairy Farm LLP, 14329 Upper Falls Road; Reedsville, WI 54230; Manitowoc County: T19N, R22E, Sec. 28

Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the Lower Manitowoc River Watershed

Brief 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.

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

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Trent Brenny, DNR, 1155 Pilgrim Road, Plymouth, WI, 53073-4294, (608) 573-2350, Trenton.Brenny@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) 573-2350 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.