

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-0061719-03-0

Permittee: Crave Brothers Farm LLC, W11550 Torpy Rd, Waterloo, WI, 53594

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Crave Brothers Farm LLC, W11550 Torpy Road Waterloo

Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the **Crawfish River** Watersheds

Brief Facility Description : Crave Brothers Farm LLC is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). Crave Brothers Farm LLC is owned and operated by Crave family. The farm currently has 3,911 animal units. (2,162 milking & dry cows, 549 heifers up to 1200 lbs, 380 heifers up to 800 lbs and 259 dairy/beef calves). Crave Brothers Farm LLC has a total of 5,814 acres available for land application of manure and process wastewater. Of this acreage, 1,627 acres are owned, and 4,460 acres are rented or controlled through manure agreements. Crave Brothers Farm LLC has no planned expansion during the proposed permit term. Approximately 44,395,542 gallons of manure and process wastewater and 988 tons of solid manure in the first year of the permit term. The farm has a proposed 208 days of liquid manure storage and at least 59 days of solid manure storage. Four facilities are currently covered under Crave Brothers Farm LLC WPDES Permit. The main dairy site is located at W11550 Torpy Rd, Waterloo WI, 53594 and is composed of four dairy freestall barns, milking parlor, three calf barn, three heifer barns with outdoor animal lots with runoff collection, feed storage area, and one waste storage facilities, two digesters, and a fiber separation facility. Crave Brothers Farmstead Cheese factory is located at W11555 Torpy Rd, Waterloo WI, 53594 and has one above ground waste storage facility that stores cheese factory waste. The BB Facility (Eggert Farm) is located at N679 County Hwy BB, Waterloo WI, 53594 and is composed of a milking parlor with two dairy freestall barns, connected with a covered walkway, and one waste storage facility. The Kidd Farm is located at N918 County Road I, Waterloo WI, 53594, and is composed of one waste storage facility and machine storage, no animals are housed at this location. Crave Brothers Farm LLC has submitted an application for an issuance of an individual Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit. The application is complete, and the facility has been determined to be in substantial compliance. This will be the fourth permit reissuance for this facility. Crave Brothers Farm LLC has an approved Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) that is written according to WPDES permit and Chapter NR 243 Wis. Adm. Code requirements. Crave Brothers Farm LLC was also found to have at least 180 days of liquid manure storage.

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

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Eric Struck, WDNR, 141 NW Barstow Street, Suite 180, Waukesha, WI, 53188-3789, (608) 422-1512, eric.struck@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) 422-1512 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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