

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0003182-10-1

Permittee: Eau Galle Cheese Factory Inc, N6765 State Hwy 25, Durand, WI, 54736-4209

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Eau Galle Cheese Factory Inc, N6765 State Hwy 25, Durand, WI 54736

Receiving Water And Location: groundwater of the Lower Chippewa River Basin via seepage and landspreading in Pepin County

Brief Facility Description: The Eau Galle Cheese Factory manufactures cheese, as well as butterfat from milk and whey, which is separated and sold to other dairies. Noncontact cooling water (NCCW) and boiler blow down is discharged to an infiltration ditch or absorption trench (sample point 003). Whey permeate, wash water, regeneration wastewater from Eau Galle Cheese's water supply water softening and nitrate ion exchange system, as well as boiler blow down will be landspread on Department approved fields or discharged to manure storage structures (sample point 002). February 2020 the facility has been approved to give waste salt brine water to local government entities during the winter months for use as a deicing agent of roadways (sample point 005).

Proposed Modification: The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be modified. Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. The permit expiration date remains June 30, 2022. The permit modification includes a new sample point for waste salt brine. February 2020 the department granted a low hazard waste exemption use of waste salt brine liquid from cheese production as a de-icing agent on Wisconsin highways. Annual monitoring and an Annual Report are included in the permit.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Sheri A. Snowbank, DNR, 810 W Maple St, Spooner, WI, 54801, Sheri.Snowbank@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Adebowale Adesanwo, DNR 890 Spruce Street, Baldwin, WI 54002, (715) 684-2914, adebowale.adesanwo@wisconsin.gov

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed modified permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above-named permit drafter's address. Currently, DNR staff are working remotely and have very limited access to US mail. To ensure comments are received, the Department recommends that all comments be sent via email to the permit drafter listed in this notice. 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 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 issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Stats. 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, fact sheet and permit application, is accessible via e-mail by contacting the above named permit drafter's e-mail address or the above named basin engineer's e-mail during normal business hours Monday through Friday (except holidays). Note that DNR staff have limited access to permit hard copy files during this time as they are working from home, but much of the permit file is available electronically by e-mail request. 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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