

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-0063061-04-0

Permittee: El Na Farms LLC, E4029 Pheasant Rd, Algoma, WI, 54201

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: (Main Site) E4029 Pheasant Rd, Algoma, WI 54201; E ½ of the NE ¼ T25N R24E S34, Township of Lincoln

(Heifer Site) E4082 County Rd S, Algoma, WI 54201; SE ¼ of the SE ¼ T25N R24E S22, Township of Lincoln

Receiving Water And Location: Unnamed tributaries within the Ahnapee River Watershed, Lake Michigan Drainage Basin, and groundwaters of the state.

Brief Facility Description : El Na Farms LLC is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation in Kewaunee County, WI. El Na Farms is owned and operated by the Lonnie Fenendael. As of January of 2024, it has 1,750 milking and dry cows, 450 large heifers, 550 small heifers, and 400 calves (3,355 animal units). El Na Farms plans to expand to 5,040 animal units by the end of 2024. El Na Farms will annually generate approximately 31,527,283 gallons of liquid manure and process wastewater and 4,300 tons of solid manure. After the expansion, El Na Farms will generate 43,288,817 gallons of manure and process wastewater and 5,400 tons of solid manure. As of December 2023, El Na Farms currently has greater than the required minimum of 180 days of storage. El Na Farms has 5,337 acres in its approved nutrient management plan, of which 4,649 acres are rented or in contract agreements and 1,123 acres are owned. El Na Farms has 5,337 acres available for land application.

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

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: James Salscheider, DNR, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI, 54313, (920) 367-3007, James.Salscheider@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 (920) 367-3007 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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