

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0050547-10-2

Permittee: Grande Cheese Company, Custom Ingredient Div, 1007 West Lake St, Friendship, WI, 53934

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Grande Cheese Company, Custom Ingredient Div, NE 1/4, SW 1/4, Section 6, T17N, R6E, Town of Adams

Receiving Water And Location: Little Roche-A-Cri Creek and the groundwaters the Little Roche-A-Cri Creek Watershed of the Central Wisconsin River Basin in Adams County

Brief Facility Description : Grande Cheese Company dries liquid food products into powders. The cleaning of equipment, boiler blowdown, noncontact cooling waters and other waste streams are created. The wastewater is segregated into high, medium and low strength flows. High strength wastewater is unusable by-products and some rinse waters that is landspread on approved sites. Medium strength wastewater from cleaning operations and reverse osmosis (R/O) retentate from evaporate condensate is discharged to a ridge and furrow system. Noncontact cooling water (NCCW) and waters treated in a reverse osmosis (R/O) system are discharged to Little Roche A Cri Creek. Sanitary wastewater is treated via a subsurface absorption system. A groundwater monitoring system is also in place on the facility grounds. No operational changes occurred during the last permit term.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Ashley Clark, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI, 54313, (920) 857-0450, Ashley.Clark@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Zachary Watson, 1500 N Johns Street, Dodgeville, WI 53533, (414) 430-0584, zachary.watson@wisconsin.gov

Proposed Modification: Permit modification -2 was completed following Grande Cheese's request to incorporate the approved Water Quality Trading using the Wisconsin Water Quality Trading Clearinghouse into their permit to meet phosphorus limits. Additionally, the permittee completed the required action in the compliance schedule for copper. After evaluation the department determined that the permittee does not have reasonable potential to exceed copper limits therefore, the copper limits are removed, and sample frequency reduced to quarterly monitoring only. Permit modifications are highlighted.

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

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above-named 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 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, Wis. 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, may be inspected and copied at either the above-named permit drafter's office or the above named basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (920) 857-0450 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, permit 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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