

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0000817-10-0

Permittee: Lakeside Foods, Inc. - Belgium Plant, 705 Main Street, Belgium, WI, 53004

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Lakeside Foods, Inc. - Belgium Plant, 705 Main Street

Receiving Water And Location: The headwaters of the East Branch of Belgium Creek

Brief Facility Description: Lakeside Foods operates a vegetable processing and canning plant for potatoes, green snap beans, and beets. Production activities and wastewater discharges occur year around, but higher volumes occur in the fall. Spray Irrigation occurs between the months of April through November. Process wastewater is generated from washing and cooking vegetables and preparing food products. The treatment system consists of pre-treatment with coarse screening to remove vegetable by-product solids prior to discharge to a 0.5-MG Slurry Store Tank and/or, an 8-MG lagoon. A Dissolved Air Flootation (DAF) is operated adjacent to the 8-MG Lagoon and tank to remove vegetable solids and or/aerobically generated sludge. The lagoon provides aerobic pretreatment and storage prior to being spray irrigated in one of two fields. The 150-acre West Sprayfield is approximately 1.5 miles west/southwest of the plant and is designated as groundwater discharge Outfall (007). The 66-acre Plant Sprayfield (Outfall 104) is located approximately 1,500 feet south of the plant, and discharges to groundwater and to surface water via two drain tile systems. The drain tile systems discharge to the headwaters of the East Branch of Belgium Creek, designated as surface water (Outfall 004 for the shallow drain tile, Outfall 008 for the deep drain tile and Outfall 009 to report the total pounds/day of phosphorus and total discharge flowrate). Contact can cooling water runs through a cooling tower before discharge to the aerated lagoon along with other vegetable process wash waters as detailed above. Contact can cooling water used to be discharged via Outfall 002 but the outfall has been removed from the permit.

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

Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Land application of waste shall be done in accordance with permit conditions and applicable codes. All land application sites shall be approved prior to their use. To receive a list of approved sites, or to be notified of potential approvals, contact the above-named basin engineer.

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 (608) 381-2628 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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