

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-0059412-04-0

Permittee: Larson Acres Inc, 18218 W State Rd 59, Evansville, WI, 53536

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Larson Acres Inc, 18218 W State Road 59 Evansville

Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the Allen Creek, Middle Sugar, and Lower Sugar River watersheds.

Brief Facility Description : Larson Acres Inc. is an existing Concentrated Animal Feed Operation (CAFO). Larson Acres Inc. is owned and operated by Ed Larson and Sandy Larson. The Farm currently has 5,618 animal units (3,000 milking & dry cows, 1,375 heifers, and 1,400 calves). Larson Acres Inc. has a total of 6,990.4 acres (2,429.9 owned and 4,618.1 controlled through contracts, rental agreements or leases, or under manure agreements) of which 6,947 are spreadable acres. Larson Acres Inc. has no large expansions planned during the proposed permit term.

Approximately 45,130,691 gallons of manure and process wastewater and 11,409 tons of solid manure is predicted to be generated in the first year of the permit term. The farm has approximately 190 days of liquid manure storage.

Larson Acres Inc.'s Main Farm is located at 18218 W State Road 59, Evansville, WI and consists of 4 freestall barns, 2 parlors, 6 calf barns, a feed storage area with a leachate storage lagoon, 2 waste storage facilities, 2 solid stacking areas, and 2 sand separation buildings. The Heifer facility is located at 17162 W County Road B, Brodhead, WI 53520 and consists of a freestall barn, a feed storage area with a leachate storage lagoon, and an underbarn waste storage. All production areas were inspected the day of the inspection.

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

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Josie Borgrud, 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd, Fitchburg, WI, 53711, (608) 598-0026, Josie.Borgrud@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) 598-0026 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.