

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-0065935-02-0

Permittee: Manthe Grain Farms LLC, 3827 Mueller Road, DeForest, WI, 53532

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Manthe Grain Farms LLC

Jackie's Main Facility: 3827 Mueller Road, DeForest, WI 53532, NW ¼, NE ¼, Section. 15, T9N, R10E

Drew's Facility: 7053 Portage Road, DeForest, WI 53532, SW ¼, NW ¼, Section 22, T9N, R10E

Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the **Yahara River** Watershed

Brief Facility Description : Manthe Grain Farms, LLC is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). Manthe Grain Farms, LLC is owned and operated by Dean and Drew Manthe. The farm currently has 1,505 animal units (1,305 heifers 400-800 lbs. and 200 heifers 800-1,200 lbs.). Manthe Grain Farms, LLC has a total of 1,373.3 acres available for land application of manure and process wastewater. Of this acreage, 668 acres are owned and 732 acres are rented or controlled through manure agreements. Manthe Grain Farms, LLC has no large expansions planned during the proposed permit term. Approximately 4,546,657 gallons of manure and process wastewater and 1,337 tons of solid manure is predicted to be generated in first year of the permit term. The farm has approximately 247 days of liquid manure storage and at least 59 days of solid manure storage.

Two facilities are currently covered under Manthe Grains Farms, LLC WPDES Permit. Jackie's Main Facility is located at 3827 Mueller Road, DeForest, WI 53532 and is composed of two animal barns, feed storage area, leachate collection basin, solid manure loadout structure, and an under-barn waste storage facility. Drew's Facility is located at 7053 Portage Road, DeForest, WI 53532 and is composed of two animal barns, outdoor feedlots with runoff controls, a solid manure storage, and a liquid waste storage facility. All production areas were inspected the day of the inspection.

Manthe Grain Farms, LLC has submitted an application for reissuance of their Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) Permit. The application is complete, and the facility has been determined to be in substantial compliance. This will be the second permit reissuance for this facility. Manthe Grain Farms, LLC has an approved Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) that is written according to WPDES Permit and Chapter NR 243 Wisc. Admin. Code requirements. Manthe Grain Farms, LLC was also found to have at least 180 days of liquid manure storage.

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

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

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