

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-0066516-02-0

Permittee: Otto Farms LLC, 4012 Otto Lane, Valders, WI, 54245

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Otto Farms LLC, 4012 Otto Lane; Valders, WI 54245 (T18N, R22E, Sec. 10)

Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the Lower Manitowoc River Watershed

Brief Facility Description: Otto Farms is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) located in the Valders, WI. Otto Farms consists of one production site and is owned and operated by Drew Otto. Otto Farms A current dairy herd size of 1393 animal units (869 milking & dry cows, 176 calves). Currently, there are no planned herd expansions in the next permit term. The herd will annually generate approximately 15,098,120 gallons of manure and process wastewater and 691 tons of solid manure. The facility has 187 days of liquid storage capacity and is projected to have 473 days after proposed construction is completed. Otto Farms LLC currently has 1,069.05 acres (818.64 owned and 250.41 controlled through contracts, rental agreements or leases, or under manure agreements) of which 988.3 are spreadable acres.

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

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Trent Brenny, DNR, 1155 Pilgrim Road, Plymouth, WI, 53073-4294, (608) 573-2350, Trenton.Brenny@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) 573-2350 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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