

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-0066397-01-1

Permittee: Pasanen Farms LLC, 9421 W Pasanen Road, Exeland, WI, 54835

Receiving Water And Location: Brunet River (WBIC 2378400) within the Weirgor Creek and Brunet River watershed of the Upper Chippewa River Basin, and groundwaters of the state.

Brief Facility Description : Pasanen Farms LLC is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) located in the Township of Meadowbrook, Sawyer County. Pasanen Farms LLC consists of two production sites: the Main Dairy Site located at 9421 W Pasanen Road, Exeland WI 54835 and the Heifer Barn Site located at 9468 W Pasanen Road, Exeland WI 54835. The operation is owned and operated by Scott Pasanen with a current herd size of 2,335 animal units (1,200 milking/dry cows, 700 heifers, and 300 calves). The operation is proposing to expand to approximately 3,080 animal units (2,200 milking/dry cows) by May of 2026. The operation is proposing to add one waste storage facility to store manure and process wastewater generated at the site. Existing and proposed manure storage structures will provide the operation with 301 days of liquid waste storage, based on expanded animal numbers during the permit term. This calculation includes the operations proposed upgrade to the existing feed pad runoff collection system to collect 100% of leachate/runoff.

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

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Todd Prill, DNR, 1300 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI, 54701, (715) 214-8576, Todd.Prill@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 (715) 214-8576 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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