STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0037702-11-1

Permittee: Pickles Manufacturing LLC, 857 School Place, Green Bay, WI 54303

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Pickles Manufacturing LLC, 857-897 School Place, Green Bay, WI

Receiving Water And Location: Fox River via storm sewer within the East River Watershed (LF01), Lower Fox River Drainage Basin in Brown County

Brief Facility Description: This facility produces fresh pickles, process pickles, and sweet relish. The facility operates year-round, although the busiest months are during the fresh-pack season, July through September. Leading Production starts to ramp up in April-June and tapers off after October. During the fresh-pack season, the facility operates two nine-hour production shifts, followed by a sanitation shift. During the non-fresh-pack season, the facility operates two eight-hour production shifts, followed by a sanitation shift. From June through September, fresh cucumbers are received at the facility and either processed as fresh pickles or transferred into fermentation tanks for subsequent processing throughout the remainder of the year. Specific processes involved in pickle production which generate wastewater include: washing raw product, brine preparation, desalting process pickles, container filling, pasteurization, and plant sanitation. Cooling water (contact and non-contact) is discharged to the municipal storm sewer system, while all other wastewaters generated are discharged to the sanitary sewer for treatment at NEW Water. Pasteurizers at the facility do not use any chemical additives as part of normal operation. The pasteurizers are cleaned with a clean-in-place system on a regular basis. Frequency of cleaning varies from daily to weekly, depending on the volume of production through each pasteurizer. Chemical cleaning agents are used during the pasteurizer cleaning process, but all the cleaning water, including any chemical cleaning agents, is discharged to the sanitary sewer.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Sarah Donoughe, DNR, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727, (920) 366-6076, Sarah.Donoughe@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Teresa Hall, DNR, 3369 W Brewster Street, Appleton, WI 54914, (920) 841-6425, teresa.hall@wisconsin.gov

Proposed Modification: The permit modification is proposed to reduce the effluent PFOS/PFOA sampling frequency from monthly to 1/ 2 months, after a review of submitted data, pursuant to s. NR 205.066, Wis. Adm. Code.

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

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 (920) 366-6076 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.