

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0052761-10-0

Permittee: Pine River Dairy Inc, 10115 English Lake Rd, Manitowoc, WI 54220

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Pine River Dairy Inc, 10115 English Lake Rd, Manitowoc, WI

Receiving Water And Location: Groundwater of the Seven Mile & Silver Creek Watershed (MA01) via absorption ponds and a ridge & furrow system in Manitowoc County

Brief Facility Description: Pine River Dairy is a creamery that processes whole cream into butter. Production of butter averages approximately 13,000 pounds per day. Buttermilk is a by-product of the butter manufacturing process and is sold to other facilities for processing into other related food products. The facility generates three types of wastewater: noncontact cooling water, process wastewater from cleaning processes, and boiler blowdown. Noncontact cooling water discharges to a series of two absorption ponds at an average rate of 14,100 gallons per day (gpd). Process and boiler blowdown wastewaters discharge to a 1.9-acre ridge & furrow land treatment system at an average rate of 2,788 gpd. The ridge & furrow system is comprised of two parallel cells that allow for an alternating load and rest cycle mode of operation. Sanitary wastes are discharged to a separate septic system that utilizes a subsurface soil absorption drain field, which is not regulated under this permit.

Summary of Proposed Changes: 1) Addition of nitrite + nitrate nitrogen and total nitrogen monitoring at Sampling Point (Outfall) 002. 2) Addition of a compliance schedule to install a continuous flow recording device for the process wastewater discharged to the R&F system at Sampling Point (Outfall) 002. 3) Updated due dates for the land treatment management plan update and land treatment annual reports schedules. 4) Updated standard language.

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: Trevor Moen, DNR, 625 E County Rd Y, Ste 700, Oshkosh, WI 54901, (920) 410-5192, Trevor.Moen@wisconsin.gov

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

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) 662-5148 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.

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