

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-0062341-05-0

Permittee: Pond Hill Dairy, LP, N998 Hwy K, Fort Atkinson, WI, 53538

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: **Main Farm:** N1014 Poeppel Road, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538 NE1/4 of SE1/4 Sec. 20 T5N, R14E, Koshkonong Township, Jefferson County; **Farm 2:** N738 Poeppel Road, Fort Atkinson, WI 53538, SE1/4 of NE1/4 Sec. 29 T5N, R14E, Koshkonong Township, Jefferson County

Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the Lower Koshkonong Creek & Rock River Watersheds

Brief Facility Description : Pond Hill Dairy LP is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). Pond Hill Dairy LP is owned and operated by Kieth Mortiz. The farm currently has 1,875 animal units. (900 milking & dry cows, 350 heifers up to 1200 lbs, 350 heifers up to 800 lbs and 100 dairy/beef calves). Pond Hill Dairy LP has a total of 1,797 acres available for land application of manure and process wastewater. Of this acreage, 1,158 acres are owned, and 645 acres are rented or controlled through manure agreements. Pond Hill Dairy LP has no planned expansion during the proposed permit term. Approximately 11,461,873 of manure and process wastewater and 0 tons of solid manure in the first year of the permit term. The farm has a proposed 191 days of liquid manure storage and at least 59 days of solid manure storage.

Two facilities are currently covered under Pond Hill Dairy LP WPDES Permit. The main dairy site is located at N998 Hwy K Fort Atkinson, WI 53538 and is composed of 3 dairy freestall barns, milking parlor, calf barn, feed storage area with a VTA, and 2 waste storage facilities. The Farm 2 is located at N738 Poeppel Rd Fort Atkinson, WI 53538 and is composed of one abandoned waste storage facility, one outdoor feedlot with barn and a pasture area. Farm 5 has been abandoned and will be removed from permit coverage.

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

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Eric Struck, WDNR, 141 NW Barstow Street, Suite 180, Waukesha, WI, 53188-3789, (608) 422-1512, Eric.Struck@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) 422-1512 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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