

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND INTENT TO ISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0067657-01-0

Permittee: Prososki Family Farms, 228636 County Highway J, Wausau, WI, 54403

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Prososki Family Farms, 228636 County Hwy J, Wausau and 236235 Forest Lawn Road, Wausau.

Receiving Water and Location: Surface water and groundwater within the Big Sandy Creek and Wisconsin River Watersheds

Brief Facility Description : Prososki Family Farms is a dairy farm operation located at 228636 County Highway J, Weston Township, Marathon County and is owned and operated by the Prososki Family. The operation recently purchased a second farm located at 236235 Forest Lawn Road, Wausau Township. Collectively, the operation is now defined as a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). The operation is required to obtain a WPDES CAFO permit from the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Between the two sites, the operation now houses roughly 593 cows, 622 heifers, and 170 calves (~1,329 animal units). A planned herd size of 1,073 cows, 622 heifers, and 170 calves is scheduled to occur by 2027.

In total, the operation consists of two manure storage structures, two feed pads, two milking parlors, and several cow, heifer, and calf barns. Based on current herd size, it is estimated the operation will produce 10 million gallons of manure and process wastewater in the first year of the proposed permit term. After the anticipated herd expansion, it is estimated the operation will produce 19 million gallons of manure and process wastewater. The operation has 2,107 acres of cropland in their nutrient management plan. Of these acres, roughly 2,097 acres are available for the application of manure and process wastewater.

The Department has tentatively decided that the Prososki Family Farms WPDES permit should be issued.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Jeffrey Jackson, DNR, 890 Spruce St, Baldwin, WI, 54002, (715) 210-1415, Jeffrey.Jackson@wisconsin.gov

People 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 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 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) 210-1415 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.