

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0053660-10-0

Permittee: Revela Foods LLC, 225567 Silver Maple Ln, Colby, WI, 54421

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Revela Foods LLC - Colby, 225567 Silver Maple Ln, Colby, WI

Receiving Water And Location: the groundwaters of the Upper Big Eau Pleine River Watershed within the Upper Wisconsin River Basin in Marathon County

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: Revela Foods LLC– Colby produces pasteurized process cheese and cheese sauces. Wash water from the clean-up processed cheese operation is discharged to a 62,686 gallon in-ground holding tank. The wash water is land applied on Department approved fields with final disbursement to the groundwater of the Upper Big Eau Pleine River Watershed. All department approved land application sites are currently located in the Town of Hull and Abbotsford in Marathon County. Revela Foods averages production of 360,000 lbs of processed cheese and cheese sauces each day of the week. The bulk of the raw materials used in the process is cheese, water, dairy solids, emulsifiers, canola oil and different types of dairy flavors. Significant changes to the permit are as follows: 1) removal of outfall 002 because the waste stream is not land applied, and 2) removal of total solids monitoring and addition of total ammonia monitoring at Land Application outfall 001.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Holly Heldstab, 1300 W Clairemont Ave, Eau Claire, WI, 54701, (715) 492-0483, Holly.Heldstab@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Peter Carlson, 890 Spruce Street, Baldwin, WI 54002, (715) 225-2209, Peter.Carlson@wisconsin.gov

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

Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Land application of waste shall be done in accordance with permit conditions and applicable codes. All land application sites shall be approved prior to their use. To receive a list of approved sites, or to be notified of potential approvals, contact the above-named basin engineer.

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 (715) 492-0483 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

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