

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0041904-09-0

Permittee: Sartori Company-West Main Building, P O Box 258, Plymouth, WI, 53073-1602

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Sartori Company-West Main Building, 12 W. Main St, Plymouth, WI, 53073

Receiving Water And Location: Mullet River (Mullet River Watershed, Sheboygan River Basin) in Sheboygan County

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: Sartori Cheese receives raw milk from local dairy farms and produces Italian cheeses and co-products of cream and whey concentrate at its 12 West Main facility. Whey from the cheese making process is piped through a whey cooling plate and then through a reverse osmosis (RO) system that removes water from the whey. The water is then processed through a polisher. Some polished water is used for whey plant clean in place (CIP) processes. CIP water and cheese plant sanitation water is discharged to the Plymouth Utilities wastewater treatment plant. Polished water not used for CIP is discharged to the Mullet River. Sartori discharges NCCW (sourced from Plymouth Utilities) and RO Polisher Water, as well as sump pump water from elevator pits to a municipal storm sewer approximately 700 feet north of the Mullet River. Concentrated whey and whey cream is sold off or land applied on WDNR approved sites. High strength salty whey is hauled to area wastewater treatment plants, approved manure pits or land application sites. Sanitary wastewater, Boiler Blowdown, and Water Softener Regeneration backwash is discharged to the Plymouth WWTP via the sanitary sewer.

There has been no discharge at Outfall 001 since 2022 due to Sartori exploring options to meet chlorine limits and there will be no discharge for the foreseeable future. However, the facility would like to retain the option to resume normal discharge when the chlorine issue is resolved. Data for some parameters have still been collected and analyzed before it is sent to sanitary.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Melanie Burns, 1027 W St Paul Ave, Milwaukee, WI, 53233, (414) 373-8523, Melanie.Burns@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Curtis Nickels, 1155 Pilgrim Road, Plymouth, WI 53073, (920) 893-8530, Curtis.Nickels@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 (414) 373-8523 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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