

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-0066621-02-
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Permittee: SCHEPS DAIRY INC, 1631 4th St, Alma, WI, 54805

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: SCHEPS DAIRY INC, 1631 4th St Alma (Main Site), 1620 4th St Alma (Heifer Site), and 1382 4th St Alma (Dale's Site) *

Receiving Water and Location: Surface water and groundwater within the Lightning Creek and Turtle Creek Watersheds

Brief Facility Description : Scheps Dairy Inc is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) located in the Township of Alma, Barron County. Scheps Dairy consists of two production sites: the Main Dairy located at 1631 4th St., Alma, WI 54805 and the Heifer Site located at 1620 4th St., Alma, WI 54805. The operation is owned and operated by Dan and Ken Scheps, with a current herd size of 3,524 animal units (1,850 cows, 920 heifers and 360 calves). There is no expansion planned over the upcoming permit term.

Permit Modification Action: As part of this permit modification, Scheps Dairy intends to bring an additional feed pad and manure storage structure located at 1382 4th Street Alma into their CAFO permit. This modification will add sample points for Dale's Pit (008) and Feed Pad (009) to the Scheps Dairy CAFO permit.

Only modified portions of this permit are subject to the public input process. This includes the addition of Sample Point 008 (Dale's Pit) and Sample Point 009 (Dale's Site Feed Pad).

The Department has tentatively decided that the Scheps Dairy WPDES CAFO permit should be modified.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Jeff 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 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 (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.