

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

SECOND PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND INFORMATIONAL HEARING AND INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0063932-03-0

Permittee: Tag Lane Dairy Farm LLC, N8812 River Valley Rd, Ixonia, WI, 53036

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: W801 Gopher Hill Road, Ixonia WI, 53036; Jefferson County WI, Town of Ixonia, SW ¼ of SW ¼ Sec. 11 T8N R16N

Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the [Ashippun River-Rock River Watersheds](#)

March of 2024 the Department Public Noticed its intent to reissue WPDES Permit WI-0063932-03-0 to Tag Lane Dairy Farm LLC. A subsequent hearing was requested. This notice includes the information required to register for the virtual hearing. Registration is required for the virtual hearing, see below for link.

Brief Facility Description : Tag Lane Dairy Farm is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). Tag Lane Dairy Farm is owned and operated by the Griswold Family. The farm currently has 3,129 animal units. 1,900 milking & dry cows, 560 heifers, and 390 calves). Tag Lane Dairy Farm has a total of 3,080.3 acres available for land application of manure and process wastewater. Of this acreage, 308.4 acres are owned, and 2,813 acres are rented or controlled through manure agreements. Tag Lane Dairy Farm has no planned expansion during the proposed permit term. Approximately 27,305,640 gallons of manure and process wastewater and 1,900 tons of solid manure in the first year of the permit term. The farm has a proposed 243 days of liquid manure storage and at least 59 days of solid manure storage.

One facility is currently covered under Tag Lane Dairy Farm WPDES Permit. The main dairy site is located at W801 Gopher Hill Road and is composed of 3 dairy freestall barns, milking parlor, calf barn, heifer barn, 1 outdoor calf hutch area with runoff collection, feed storage area, 3 waste storage facilities and a sand separation facility. Tag Lane Dairy Farm has submitted an application for reissuance of their Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit. The application is complete, and the facility has been determined to be in substantial compliance. This will be the second permit reissuance for this facility. Tag Lane Dairy Farm has an approved Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) that is written according to WPDES permit and Chapter NR 243 Wis. Adm. Code requirements. Tag Lane Dairy Farm was also found to have at least 180 days of liquid manure storage.

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

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Eric Struck, DNR, 141 NW Bartow Street, Waukesha, WI, 53188-3789, (608) 422-1512, Eric.Struck@wisconsin.gov

Informational Hearing Date, Time, and Location:

May 30, 2024, 10 am Central Time, Virtual Hearing via: Zoom. Registration is required, please fill out the registration form at the following link:

https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZYkd-Ghpz4vH92UQPKv5KhXasabWFNu2_Ww

To call in the day of, after registration, please use the following number and access code:

Meeting ID: 829 0899 5559

Dial by your location: +1 312 626 6799 or 833 928 4608 (Toll Free)

The Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to Section 283.49, Wisconsin Statutes, has scheduled a public informational hearing for the purpose of giving all interested persons an opportunity to make a statement with respect to the proposed permit action, the terms of the nutrient management plan, and the application for this operation.

The hearing officer will conduct the hearing in an orderly fashion and will use procedures specified in Subchapter II of ch. NR 203, Wis. Adm. Code, necessary to insure broad public participation in the hearing.

The hearing office will open the hearing and make a concise statement of the scope and purpose of the hearing and shall state what procedures will be use during the course of the hearing. The hearing officer shall explain the method of notification of the final decision to grant or deny the permit and the methods by which the decision may be reviewed in a public adjudicatory hearing.

The hearing officer may place limits on individual oral statements to insure an opportunity for all persons present to make statements in a reasonable period of time and to prevent undue repetition. The hearing officer may also limit the number of representatives making oral statements on behalf of any person or group.

Informational and clarifying questions and oral statements shall be directed through the hearing officer. Cross-examination shall not be allowed.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, the terms of the nutrient management plan, or the application, are invited to do so by attending the public hearing or by submitting any comments or objections in writing to the Department of Natural Resources, at the above named permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received from members of the public no later than 7 days following the date of this public hearing will be used, along with other information on file and testimony presented at the hearing, in making a final determination. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision regarding permit coverage. 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.

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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