

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-0062111-05-0

Permittee: TRI STAR DAIRY Inc, 6000 Elm Rd, Auburndale, WI, 54412

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: TRI STAR DAIRY Inc, 10270 North Road Auburndale

Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater in the Mill Creek watershed of the Central Wisconsin River Basin.

Brief Facility Description :

Tri Star Dairy Inc. is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) located in the Town of Auburndale in Wood County. Tri Star Dairy Inc. is owned and operated by Mark Vobora and is located at 10270 North Road Auburndale, WI. The Dairy has one waste storage facility, one process wastewater storage facility, one feed storage area, freestall barns, and milking parlor.

The Dairy has a current herd size of 2,004 animal units (1,400 milking cows and dry cows, 40 heifers). Manure generation and spreading records indicate Tri Star's herd will generate approximately 20,585,390 gallons of manure and process wastewater, and 539 tons of solid manure in the first year of the permit term. During the permit term there are no plans for expansion.

Tri Star Dairy currently has 3,715 acres in their nutrient management plan. Of these acres, 1,162 are owned and 2,554 acres are controlled through contracts, rental agreements, leases, or under manure agreements. Tri Star Dairy has 3,635 acres available for manure application. Acres in the nutrient management plan are in Wood and Marathon Counties.

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

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Brad Johnson, 225051 Rib Mountain Drive, Wausau, WI, 54401-7562, (715) 340-5281, Bradleya.Johnson@wisconsin.gov

Persons 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) 340-5281 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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