

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-0066923-02-0

Permittee: Trillium Hill Farms, N8273 County Rd F, Berlin, WI, 54923

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Main Dairy, N8257 County Road F, Berlin, WI, 54923, NE ¼ of SW ¼, Section 23 T17N R13E; Ewald Calf Farm, W1099 County Road V, Berlin, WI, 54923, NW ¼ of NE ¼, Section 22 T17N R13E; Werch Heifer Farm, N8570 County Road F, Berlin, WI, 54923, SW ¼ of SE ¼, Section 14 T17N R13E

Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the **Puchyan River- Fox River Watershed**

Brief Facility DTrillium Hill Farm Inc. is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). Trillium Hill Farm Inc. is owned and operated by the Jones Family. The farm currently has 3,184.5 animal units. (2,050 milking & dry cows, 95 heifers up to 1200 lbs, 200 heifers up to 800 lbs and 450 dairy/beef calves). Trillium Hill Farm Inc. has a total of 5,477 acres available for land application of manure and process wastewater. Of this acreage, 1,265.2 acres are owned, and 4,374.6 acres are rented or controlled through manure agreements. Trillium Hill Farm Inc. has a planned expansion during the proposed permit term. Approximately 28,482,166 gallons of manure and process wastewater will be generated in the first year of the permit term. The farm has a proposed 407 days of liquid manure storage and at least 59 days of solid manure storage. The planned expansion has purposed 7,812.5 animal units. (5,200 milking & dry cows, 75 heifers up to 1200 lbs, 450 heifers up to 800 lbs and 900 dairy/beef calves). The expansion will include the construction of a new parlor, freestall barn, expanded feed storage area with runoff controls, and an additional sand separation unit. Approximately 63,708,049 gallons of manure and process wastewater will be generated once fully populated. With the proposed expansion the farm will have a proposed 182 days of liquid storage. The expansion is set to be completed by winter of 2026.

Three facilities are currently covered under Trillium Hill Farm Inc. WPDES Permit. The main dairy site is located at N8257 County Road F, Berlin, WI 54923 and is composed of 3 dairy freestall barns, milking parlor, calf barn, heifer barn, 1 outdoor animal lot with runoff collection, feed storage area, 4 waste storage facilities, sand separation facility, and digester for biogas generation. The farm has an agreement with a third party for the operation for the biogas RNG facility, this agreement covers the responsibilities associated with the transfer and supply of manure, management, and other permit requirements. The Ewald farm is located at W1099 County Road V, Berlin, WI 54923 and is composed of one outdoor feedlot with barn and a pasture area. The third site, Werch Farm, is located at N8570 County Road F, Berlin, WI 54923 and is composed of one animal barn and one waste storage facility. Trillium Hill Farm Inc. 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 application was received early and in leu of a permit modification for the proposed expansion. This will be the second permit reissuance for this facility. Trillium Hill Farm Inc. has an approved Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) that is written according to WPDES permit and Chapter NR 243 Wis. Adm. Code requirements. Trillium Hill Farm Inc. 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, WDNR, 141 NW Barstow Street, Suite 180, Waukesha, WI, 53188-3789, (608) 422-1512, Eric.Struck@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 (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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