

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-0058939-04-0

Permittee: Ulrich Farms Inc, 950 180th Street, Dresser, WI, 54009

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Ulrich Farms Inc, 950 180th Street Dresser

Receiving Water and Location: Surface water and groundwater within the Horse Creek and Apple River Watersheds

Brief Facility Description : Ulrich Farms is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) dairy farm owned and operated by Jake, Corey, and Justin Ulrich. The farm is located in Polk County within Garfield Township and has been a permitted CAFO since 1998. The farm operates with approximately 1,529 dairy cows, 423 heifers, and 340 calves for a total of 2,550 animal units. The farm is not proposing an increase in herd size during the next five-year permit term.

The farm consists of four cow barns, three young heifer/calf barns, outdoor heifer lot, sand settling lane, solid stacking pad, milking center, feed stacking pad, and two waste storage lagoons. It is estimated the farm will produce approximately 40.8 million gallons of liquid manure and 5,500 tons of solid manure annually. Based on current animal numbers and available liquid waste storage, it is estimated the farm has 184 days of liquid storage.

The farm has a total of 2,872 total acres in their nutrient management plan. Of these acres, 1,551 acres are owned, and 1,690 acres are controlled under land contracts.

The Department has tentatively decided that the Ulrich Farms WPDES CAFO permit should be reissued.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Jeff Jackson, DNR, 890 Spruce St, Baldwin, WI, 54002, (715) 210-1415, Jeffrey.Jackson@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) 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.

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