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-0063223-04-0

Permittee: Van De Walle Farms LLC, W8303 22nd Rd, Crivitz, WI, 54114

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Van De Walle Farms LLC:
   **Main Dairy:** W8303 22nd Rd, Crivitz, WI 54114; SE ¼ of NW ¼ Section 16, T31N, R20E
   **Crivitz Pits:** St. Paul Road, Crivitz, WI 54114; NE ¼ of NE ¼ Section 10 T32N R 20E
   **Pioneer Farm:** N7291 County Hwy GG, Crivitz, WI 54114; NE ¼ of NE ¼ Section 29 T32N R21E

Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the Little Peshtigo River & Middle Inlet-Lake Noquebay Watersheds

Brief Facility Description: Van De Walle Farms LLC is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) located at W8303 22nd Road Crivitz, WI 54114. Van De Walle Farms LLC is owned and operated by the Van De Walle Family. It currently has 2,970 animal Units (1,317 Cows, 830 Heifers, 454 steers) and is proposing to expand to 3,092 animal units (1,380 cows, 871 Heifers, 454 steer) during the permit term. As part of reissuance process, the farm is adding 2 production sites to the permit that will be used as satellite manure storage facilities. Van De Walle Farms LLC currently has a total of 3,694 acres available for land application of manure and process wastewater. Of this acreage, 1,233 acres are owned, and 2,461 acres are controlled though contracts, rental agreements or manure agreements.

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

Permit Drafter’s Name, Address, Phone and Email: Brian Hanson, DNR, 647 Lakeland Rd, Shawano, WI, 54166-3843, (920) 366-3302, Brian.Hanson@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 (920) 366-3302 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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