

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

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-0063673-04-0

Permittee: Wakker Dairy Farm LLC, N2348 Hwy 42, Kewaunee, WI, 54216

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Main Site: N2348 Highway 42, Kewaunee, WI 54216 S ½ NW ¼ S1 T22N R24E, Township of Carlton, Kewaunee County

Papllham Site: N1685 Woodside Rd, Kewaunee, WI 54216 NE ¼ NE ¼ S15 T22N R24E, Township of Carlton, Kewaunee County

Receiving Water And Location: Unnamed tributaries within the East Twin River Watershed and Lake Michigan Drainage Basin, and groundwaters of the state

Brief Facility Description : Wakker Dairy Farm, LLC is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) located in the Township of Carlton in Kewaunee County. Wakker Dairy Farm, LLC is owned and operated by Johannes Wakker. Wakker Dairy Farm, LLC consists of a main production area located at N2348 Highway 42, Kewaunee, WI 54216 and a satellite site (Papllham Site) located at N1685 Woodside Rd, Kewaunee, WI 54216. At the main production site there two liquid waste storage facilities, one feed storage area, one digester and solid separation system, and multiple animal barns. At the Papllham site there is a barn and one liquid waste storage facility.

The current herd size is 5,201 animal units (3,600 milking & dry cows, 145 heifers, and 12 calves). During this permit term, there is a planned herd expansion to 6,422 animal units (4,280 milking and dry cows and 300 heifers) by the end of 2027. Wakker Dairy Farm, LLC currently produces approximately 40 million gallons of liquid manure and process wastewater, and approximately 500 tons of solid manure annually. After the expansion, it is estimated the annual liquid manure and process wastewater generation will increase to 54.5 million gallons of liquid manure and process wastewater, and approximately 600 tons of solid manure. Wakker Dairy Farm, LLC currently has 274 days of storage, and after expansion, will then have 197 days of liquid manure and process waste storage, approximately 29.5 million gallons. Wakker Dairy Farm, LLC owns and rents approximately 4,796 acres of cropland, of which 4,710 acres are available for manure application.

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

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: James Salscheider, DNR, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI, 54313, (920) 367-3007, James.Salscheider@wisconsin.gov

Informational Hearing Date, Time, and Location:

When: Monday, June 22, 2026, at 10:00 a.m.

Where: The public hearing is being held virtually via ZOOM. Use the link below to register for the hearing.

Register in advance for this meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/Mya7IHvBSAOPTRFBPq_6w

After registering, you will receive a confirmation email containing information about joining the meeting. 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.

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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 (920) 367-3007 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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ADDRESS OF PUBLISHING NEWSPAPER: 520 N. Broadway, Green Bay, WI 54305

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