

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-0064025-03-0

Permittee: White Gold Dairy LLC, 6200 Maier Rd, Waunakee, WI, 53597

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: White Gold Dairy LLC, 6200 Maier Rd Waunakee

Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the Six Mile and Pheasant Branch Creek Watersheds

Brief Facility Description : White Gold Dairy, LLC is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). White Gold Dairy, LLC is owned and operate by Rich and Jerry Maier. The farm currently has 2,605 animal units (1,675 milking & dry cows, 200 heifers, and 200 calves). White Gold Dairy, LLC has a total of 2,412 acres (655 owned and 1,757 controlled through contracts, rental agreements or leases, or under manure agreements) of which 2,255 are spreadable acres. White Gold Dairy, LLC has no large expansions planned during the proposed permit term. Approximately 23,277,553 gallons of manure and process wastewater and 767 tons of solid manure is predicted to be generated in the first year of the permit term. The farm has approximately 252 days of liquid manure storage. The farm also participates in the Dane County Waunakee Digester. Waste from the farm is transferred to the digester which removes the waste solids and produces renewable natural gas and then transfers the remaining liquid waste back to the farm. This is done through a WPDES permit to WPDES permit transfer.

White Gold Dairy, LLC is located at 6200 Maier Rd, Waunakee, WI 53597 and is composed of five freestall barns, a parlor, a calf barn, a dry cow/pre-fresh heifer barn, two feed storage areas, and two waste storage facilities.

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

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Josie Borgrud, 3911 Fish Hatchery Rd, Fitchburg, WI, 53711, (608) 598-0026, Josie.Borgrud@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) 598-0026 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.