

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-0061506-04-
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Permittee: Zahns Farms LLC, 11620 County Road H, Gillett, WI, 54124

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Zahns Farms LLC, 11620 County Road H Gillett

Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the **Little River & Oconto River**
Watersheds

Brief Facility Description: Zahns Farms LLC is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO) located in the town of Gillett, Oconto County, WI. Zahns Farms LLC is owned and operated by Robert Zahn & his family. It currently has 6,580 animal units (4,400 milking & dry cows, 1,400 heifers, and 700 calves) and is proposing to expand to 11,700 animal units (8,000 milking & dry cows, 1,600 heifers, and 900 calves) by 2021. Included as part of these expansion plans are a new Freestall Barn, new Waste Storage Facility, and upgrades to the Feed Storage Area among others. Zahns Farms LLC has 8,916 acres (1299.1 owned and 7,616.9 controlled through contracts, rental agreements or leases, or under manure agreements) of which 8,853.1 are spreadable acres on 25' setbacks under SWQMA option 1 and 8,698.4 spreadable acres under SWQMA option 5.

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, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI, 54313, (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.

NAME OF PUBLISHING NEWSPAPER: Oconto County Times Herald

ADDRESS OF PUBLISHING NEWSPAPER: 107 S. Main Street, Oconto Falls, WI 54154

Date Notice Issued: Wednesday, October 21, 2020