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SUBJECT: Rosendale Dairy EIS scoping process

Madison – Rosendale Dairy is proposing to construct a large dairy facility capable of housing and milking up to 4,000 dairy cows and 150 beef cattle, with a possible second phase of similar size in the future. The new dairy operation would be located on approximately 100 acres at N8997 County Highway M, Picket, WI 54964, in Section 9, Town of Rosendale, Fond du Lac County.

The facility will include freestall barns, milking parlors, manure handling, storage equipment, feed storage, leachate collection and stormwater basins. An anaerobic digester may also be part of the project design.

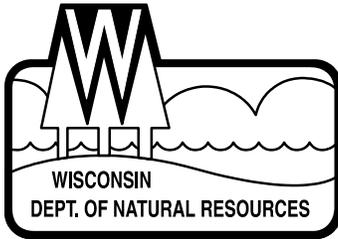
A nutrient management plan for the first phase of the facility proposes land spreading of manure on approximately 3,850 acres of croplands in the area.

The Department of Natural Resources completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) on September 16, 2008, and received public comments through October 14, 2008. The department has determined that it will complete an environmental impact statement (EIS) process on the proposal.

In order to determine the scope and the significant issues to be analyzed in depth in this analysis, the department will rely on input already gathered through public comments on the EA and on additional public scoping comments for the EIS. Also, comments from the public and government officials on issues they would like to see addressed will be accepted by the department until December 5, 2008.

After the EIS is published, there will be a 45-day public comment period and a public hearing. All interested parties will receive notice of the release of the EIS document and the details for the hearing time and location.

Comments and questions concerning this scoping process can be directed to James Pardee, Wisconsin Environmental Policy Act Coordinator, (608) 266-0426, WDNR OE/7, PO Box 7921, Madison, WI 53707-7921, james.pardee@wisconsin.gov.



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To all interested agencies and parties:

The Department has determined that it will complete an environmental impact statement (EIS) process for the proposed Rosendale Dairy project. On September 16, 2008, the Department of Natural Resources completed an environmental assessment (EA) and received public comments through October 14, 2008.

Rosendale Dairy is proposing to construct a large dairy facility capable of housing and milking up to 4000 dairy cows and 150 beef cattle, with a possible second phase of similar size in the future. The facility will include: freestall barns, milking parlors, manure handling, storage equipment, feed storage, leachate collection and stormwater basins. An anaerobic digester may also be part of the project design.

The project will be a new dairy operation located on approximately 100 acres at N8997 County Highway M, Picket, WI 54964, in Section 9, Town of Rosendale, Fond du Lac County. A nutrient management plan for the first phase of the facility proposes the landspreading of manure on approximately 3,850 acres of croplands in the area.

Part of the Department's EIS process involves "scoping" of the analysis. In order to determine the scope and the significant issues to be analyzed in depth in this analysis, the Department will rely on input already gathered through substantial public comments on the EA and on additional public scoping comments we receive in response to this letter and a news release. We will take scoping issue comments until December 5, 2008.

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