

Public Notice on an Application for Participation in Tier I of Green Tier

Pursuant to Section 299.83, Wis. Stats., the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) hereby gives notice that DNR has received an application for participation in Tier I of Green Tier from Holsum Dairies, LLC's Elm facility, N6206 Elm Rd, Hilbert, Calumet County, WI 54129. Holsum's Irish facility is a founding participant of Green Tier, and this application extends participation to its sister facility five miles away. With its environmental management system certified functionally equivalent to the ISO 14000 standard, Elm dairy has focused its past efforts on reduced energy consumption, energy production through the use of a manure digester, and management of wastewater and storm runoff. Future projects include development of an energy efficient calf barn and reducing phosphorus released to the environment.

Additional information available

Specific information on this application for participation in Tier I of Green Tier, on Holsum Dairies, and on the Green Tier program can be accessed via the Internet at:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/caer/cea/environmental/comment/index.htm>

or by contacting:

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Reasonable requests for the information in an alternate format will be provided to qualified individuals with disabilities.

Opportunity for public to comment or request a public meeting

DNR will accept written comments from the public regarding the application through March 30, 2009. Comments may be submitted to Tom Eggert (see above).

Also within the 30-day comment period, individuals may request a public informational meeting concerning this application by submitting a written request to the DNR contact. If DNR determines there is significant interest in this application, DNR will hold a public informational meeting.

How DNR will make final decisions

DNR will determine whether the applicant has satisfied all of the eligibility requirements in sec. 299.83(3), Wis. Stats. If all eligibility requirements are met, DNR will approve this application unless doing so is not in the best interest of the Green Tier program. A decision by DNR to approve or deny an application for Tier I of Green Tier is not subject to review under state laws governing contested case hearings.

For the Secretary:

/s/ Mark McDermid
Mark McDermid, Director
Bureau of Cooperative Environmental Assistance

02/16/2009
Date