

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-0059544-05-0

Permittee: Matsche Farm Inc, N9035 River Rd, Birnamwood, WI, 54414

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Matsche Farm Inc, N9035 River Road, W16550 County Rd N, W16233 County Rd N, W19069 Western Ave, N102xx Sugarbush Road, Birnamwood ; 216434 Black Cherry Drive, Eland

Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the North Branch Embarrass River Watershed & South Branch Embarrass River Watershed

Brief Facility Description : Matsche Farm Inc is a existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). Matsche Farm Inc is owned and operated by the Matsche Family. It currently has 13,007 animal units (5,998 Milking & Dry Cows, 4,845 Heifers, and 1,462 Calves). Matsche Farm Inc is proposing an expansion in animal units to 14,515 animal units (7,200 Milking & Dry Cows, 4,800 Heifers, and 900 Calves) during the permit term. Matsche Farm Inc is expected to annually generate 90,878,015 gallons of manure and process wastewater and 4,536 tons of solid waste at the current animal units and increasing to 102,904,259 gallons of manure & process wastewater after the expansion. Matsche Farm Inc has a total of 10,138 acres available for land application of manure and process wastewater of which 10,042 are spreadable. Of this acreage, 4,886 acres are owned, and 5,252 acres are controlled through contracts, rental agreements, leases, or under manure contracts. As part of the expansion, Matsche Farms Inc is proposing to build additional animal housing, an expansion of the Feed Storage Area, and an additional satellite waste storage facility.

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, 647 Lakeland Rd, Shawano, WI, 54166-3843, (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.

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