

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0053015-11-0

Permittee: SPRINGSIDE CHEESE CORPORATION, 7989 Arndt Rd, Oconto Falls, WI 54154

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Springside Cheese Corporation, 7989 Arndt Road, Oconto Falls, WI

Receiving Water And Location: An unnamed tributary of the Little River via a wetland, Little River Watershed (GB04), and the groundwater of the Oconto River Drainage Basin via land application in Oconto County

Brief Facility Description: This facility is a small, family-owned cheese factory that processes about 45,000 pounds of milk each day to make about 4,500 pounds of cheese daily, primarily cheddar. They operate 13 hours/day, 4-5 days/week, year-round. This activity results in the discharge of approximately 6,500 gallons/day of noncontact cooling water generated from the cooling of whey, via a wetland to an unnamed tributary to surface water, and an annual average of 800,325 gallons of process washwater disposed of via landspreading on Department approved land application sites. Cooled whey is hauled to another site for processing.

Summary of Proposed Changes: 1) Removed effluent temperature monitoring. 2) Addition of a schedule to submit a land application management plan. 3) Updated standard language.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Sarah Donoughe, DNR, 2984 Shawano Ave, Green Bay, WI 54313-6727, (920) 366-6076, Sarah.Donoughe@Wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Teresa Hall, DNR, 3369 W Brewster Street, Appleton, WI 54914, (920) 841-6425, Teresa.Hall@Wisconsin.gov

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

Limitations and conditions which the Department believes adequately protect the receiving water are included in the proposed permit. Land application of waste shall be done in accordance with permit conditions and applicable codes. All land application sites shall be approved prior to their use. To receive a list of approved sites, or to be notified of potential approvals, contact the above-named basin engineer.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, or to request a public hearing, may write to the Department of Natural Resources at the above-named 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 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 issued as proposed.

The Department may schedule a public informational hearing if requested by any person and shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from 5 or more persons or if response to this notice indicates significant public interest pursuant to s. 283.49, Wis. Stats. 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, fact sheet and permit application, may be inspected and copied at either the above-named permit drafter's office or the above named basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter or basin engineer for directions to their office location, if necessary. Information on this permit action may also be obtained by calling the permit drafter at (920) 662-5148 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, permit 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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