

DNR NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN

NARRATIVE TEMPLATE

The purpose of this document is to provide written guidance* to CAFO permitted farms for creating or updating a narrative for a Nutrient Management Plan (NMP). This narrative template is written to help CAFO permitted farms demonstrate compliance with the NMP requirements of NR 243, NRCS 590 and WPDES permit conditions.

NR 243 – plan content - requires all NMPs shall contain information necessary to document how the operation’s land application activities will comply with the restrictions of NRCS 590, NR 243 and the conditions of the operation’s WPDES permit [NR 243.14(1)(b)].

NR 243 contains both general and specific manure and process wastewater land application restrictions. A NMP narrative is an excellent way for a CAFO permitted farm to demonstrate how it will comply with general and specific land application restrictions of NR 243 and some applicable requirements from NRCS 590.

Several narrative areas contain **RED** text. **RED** text indicates where a CAFO permitted farm will need to provide or reference farm specific information (manure spreading methods, schedule, etc.). Appendix B and D contain **RED** text with grey highlight. These are examples showing how form may be used.

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Wisconsin NR 243 Requirements

1st time WPDES permit issuance criteria

Expected numbers of animal units for first year of permit and remaining permit term (next 4 yrs).

The following table provides the current animal numbers on farm, and expected animal numbers on the farm over the permit term. Please be advised that future years are an estimate and actual animal numbers may vary from these values. Golden Sands Dairy LLC actual animal numbers will be described in Golden Sands Dairy LLC annual NMP updates and Golden Sands Dairy LLC NMP annual reports.

Year	Total Herd Size (Milk+Dry+Heifer+Calf)	Total Animal Units
2013	0	0
2014	0	0
2015**	5300 (3400+600+300+1000)	6130
2016	5300 (3400+600+300+1000)	6130
2017	5300 (3400+600+300+1000)	6130

Expected amounts and types of manure and process wastewater produced on an annual basis

Please refer to Section 3, Snap-Plus calculations of this narrative for calculations. Yearly totals for this narrative have been adjusted to the Snap Plus cropping year format, example - 2015 crop year is fall of 2014 to summer 2015.

Year	Total Liquids	Total Solids
2013	none	none
2014	none	none
2015**	34,662,400 gal	15,021 tons
2016	48,000,000 gal	24,156 tons
2017	48,000,000 gal	24,156 tons

** Animal population is expected to begin in the fall of 2014, (Snap Plus 2015 crop year) with herd capacity in the summer of 2015. Approximately 500 animals per month are projected to be added, starting October 2014 and continuing to May of 2015. Crop year 2015 manure estimates for the milking cows have been calculated using

this build up schedule. This gives a total of 34,662,400 gallons of liquid and 15,021 tons of solid for the 2015 crop year.

Amount of manure and process wastewater to be land applied

Please refer to Section 3 of plan for calculations/analysis for table value and Section 3 of plan for land application schedules for specific fields.

Year	Total Liquids created	Total Liquids applied	Total Solids created	Total Solids applied
2013	none	none	none	none
2014	none	none	none	none
2015*	34,662,400 gal	34,662,400 gal	15,021 tons	15,021 tons
2016	48,000,000 gal	48,000,000 gal	24,156 tons	24,156 tons
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Golden Sands Dairy LLC facility is not expected to house animals until October of 2014. Any manure generated will be allocated to the 2015 crop year.

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Other sources of nutrients to be land applied (NRCS 590 requirement)

No other sources of nutrients are expected to be land applied.

Anticipated frequency and method(s) of land application

Golden Sands Dairy LLC anticipates applying manure according to the following schedule: Spreading will occur in spring before planting and in fall after harvest, of both liquid and solid manure. Summer applications will be applied after harvests of alfalfa and other canning crops. There will be no planned winter applications of liquid manure. Solid manure will be applied in winter, the prohibition period of February and March will be followed if the ground is snow covered and/or frozen. Please refer to Section 3 of plan for land application schedules for specific fields. Please also refer to Section 7 of plan for map and field verification procedures that will be

followed to verify areas of fields are not prohibited from manure spreading and NR 243 or NRCS 590 setback requirements are followed.

Golden Sands Dairy LLC anticipates using the following equipment to spread liquid and solid manure on fields in NM plan:

Solid manure: Solid manure will be surface applied using box spreaders and transported to distant fields by truck.

Liquid manure: Liquid manure will be pumped by hose and injected, hauled by truck and injected or surface applied and incorporated.

In the fall and spring, liquid manure will be either injected as much as possible, or incorporated immediately (SWQMA) or within 48 hours of surface application (non-SWQMA) whichever applies. All liquid or solid manure not injected will be incorporated with tillage equipment, or in the case of no-till or alfalfa, it will be surface applied in accordance with all NR 243 and NRCS 590 rules. In the summer, liquid manure may be top dressed on some alfalfa fields. Liquid manure and solid manure spread on Golden Sands Dairy LLC will be applied by certified custom manure applicators.

****Other methods of use, disposal, distribution or treatment of manure or process wastewater**

Golden Sands Dairy LLC does not plan any other methods of use, disposal, or distribution of manure or process wastewater, except for the incorporation of a digester system and the resulting production of separated manure components.

A liquid manure collection and storage system will be utilized on this dairy. Milk cows, dry cows and heifers will be housed in 100 % confinement in a free stall facility. Sand will be used for bedding and will be reclaimed by sand separation. Present plans are to reuse the reclaimed sand after the digestion process. All manure produced will be collected and processed with anaerobic digestion.

The digester will be designed and installed by GHD of Chilton Wisconsin with the intent of producing methane gas to power electric generators. Manure will be separated after processing by the digester. This will produce separated solid manure at approximately 70% moisture, separated liquid manure, and separated bedding sand. The digester is planned for phase two of facility construction, but is proposed to be operational at the time the facility is populated with cattle.

Total acreage available (by landowner) for land application owned, rented or in ‘agreements’.

The table below summarizes this information. Please refer to Section 1 (Introduction) of plan for more information related to landbase documentation. The farm will have a total of approximately 6321 spreadable acres available after various restricted areas have been accounted for.

Expected Time Table for field clearing – crop production:

Approximately 2000 acres of the available 6321 acres is expected to be cleared and put into production for the 2013 cropping year. Approximately 2000 acres will be cleared and put into production for the 2014 crop year, with the remaining land cleared for the 2015 crop year.

Total land application acres available : 6321.4 acres

Land Owner Name	Field Name	Acres	Rental or Agreement Length	Length	Shared Land* Y/N	Additional Field Info
Ellis Industries, Saratoga LLC.	PC1-PC-75	6321.4	Owned land		Y	

NOTE: Shared land means fields that receive nutrients from more than one farm or nutrient source (e.g., manure, industrial wastewater, commercial fertilizer, septage, etc). These fields must be carefully tracked within the NMP.

Tillage and crop rotation information for all fields owned or rented or in ‘agreements’

Please refer to Section 3 of plan for tillage, crop rotation and land application schedules for specific fields.

Nutrient crediting requirements - NR 243.14(3)

When selecting manure and process wastewater application rates for all fields, Golden Sands Dairy LLC has taken into account:

1. soil nutrient levels prior to land spreading
2. known nutrient applications from other sources, including:
 - a. commercial fertilizers
 - b. bio-solids
 - c. **first and second year** manure and legume credits
 - d. other sources of nutrients that are expected to be applied or have already been applied to fields.

Adjustments will be made to assumed nutrient credits based upon actual crop yields.

SWQMA application restriction option for each field AND procedures- NR 243.14(4)

For all fields, except those with alfalfa crop in rotation, Golden Sands Dairy LLC will follow SWQMA option 1 - no application of manure or process wastewater within 25 feet of a navigable water, conduit to navigable water or wetland; and inject or immediately incorporate manure and process wastewater in all other areas within the SWQMA.

For fields with alfalfa crops in rotation, Golden Sands Dairy LLC will follow SWQMA option 5 – No application of manure or process wastewater within 100 feet of navigable water or conduit to navigable water.

Phosphorus delivery method (Soil Test P or P Index) and P management procedures for each field- NR 243.14(5)

Golden Sands Dairy LLC will use the P Index for all fields within the NMP. Please refer to Section 3 – (Snap-Plus Info) of plan for this information.

Golden Sands Dairy LLC will follow the P Management procedures listed below when applying manure and process wastewater to fields to demonstrate compliance with NR 243.14(5)(b) and applicable NRCS 590 requirements:

Fields with less than 50 ppm:

- N application rates allowed up to the N needs of the following crop or the N removal of the following legume crop.

OR

- Rotational average PI values for each field shall be 6 or lower. PI is calculated using up to 8 year rotation using current Wisconsin P Index calculations. P applications on fields with PI > 6 may be made only if additional P is needed according to UWEX soil fertility recommendations.

Fields with soil test P between 50-100 ppm:

- P application shall not exceed the total crop P removal for crops to be grown over maximum 8 year rotation.

OR

- Rotational average PI values for each field shall be 6 or lower. PI is calculated using up to 8 year rotation using current Wisconsin P Index calculations. P applications on fields with PI > 6 may be made only if additional P is needed according to UWEX soil fertility recommendations.

Fields with soil test P between 100-200 ppm:

- The rotational average P Index value for the crop rotation or for the next 4 year period, whichever time period is less, will be calculated.
- When P Index is > 6, manure application(s) to field are prohibited.
- When P index is < 6, manure applications allowed with P drawdown by 50% cumulative crop removal over a maximum 4 year rotation will be implemented.

Fields with soil test P greater than 200 ppm:

- P applications from manure and process wastewater prohibited, unless approved by DNR.
- The planned average WI P Index value for the crop rotation or for the next 4 year period, whichever time period is less, will be calculated.
- P drawdown by 50% cumulative crop removal over a maximum 4 year rotation will be implemented.

NRCS 590 Conservation Plan Criteria - (V.C.2.b)

The plan must be developed by and field verified by a conservation planner to document crop management and the conservation practices used to control sheet and rill erosion to tolerable levels (T) and to provide treatment of ephemeral soil erosion.

- The conservation plan must be signed by the land operator and approved by the county land conservation committee or their representative.
- A conservation planner must develop conservation plans using the minimum criteria found in the USDA, NRCS National Planning Procedures Handbook and the WI Field Office Technical Guide.
- In crop fields where ephemeral erosion is an identified problem, a minimum of one of the following runoff reducing practices shall be implemented:

- Install/maintain contour strips and/or contour buffer strips.
- Install/maintain filter strips along surface waters and concentrated flow channels that empty into surface waters that are within or adjoin areas where manure will be applied.
- Maintain > 30% crop residue or vegetative cover on the soil surface after planting
- Establish fall cover crops.

All fields using soil test P that have a high potential to deliver phosphorus to 303(d) listed waters impaired by nutrients or outstanding and exceptional resource waters, shall be managed by Golden Sands Dairy LLC to ensure:

- (1) soil test P levels shall not increase over a crop rotation unless DNR provides written approval.
- (2) Same fields that have soil test phosphorus below optimum levels, soil test P levels shall not increase over a rotation above the optimum level for the highest demanding phosphorus crop in a rotation.

Field proximity to nutrient impaired or outstanding/ exceptional waters - NR 243.14(5)

Please refer to Section 4 of plan for maps showing locations of fields in proximity to these types of waters. To complete these maps, Golden Sands Dairy LLC used the following tools:

DNR 2008 impaired waters list:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/water/wm/wqs/303d/2008/2008Updates.htm>

DNR surface water map tool – used to ID impaired or outstanding or exceptional waters:

<http://dnrmaps.wisconsin.gov/imf/imf.jsp?site=SurfaceWaterViewer>).

Identification of sites for winter (frozen or snow covered ground) spreading – NR 243.14(8)

Golden Sands Dairy LLC does not plan to spread liquid manure onto fields during winter (frozen or snow covered ground) conditions.

Golden Sands Dairy LLC plans to spread solid manure onto fields in NMP during winter (frozen or snow covered ground) conditions, with the exception of the restricted February and March time frame.

For compliance with NR 243.14(8) winter spreading sites requirement, fields will be evaluated as they are put into production for winter application(s) if application(s) of liquid or solid manure become necessary. Fields will be

evaluated by Golden Sands Dairy LLC to meet the NR 243 criteria in Tables 4 and 5 for manure and criteria in 214.17(2) and (6) for process wastewater. Golden Sands Dairy LLC will also determine if these fields represent the lowest pollutant delivery to waters of the state and have winter acute loss index value of 4 or less using the Wisconsin Phosphorus Index. In addition, Golden Sands Dairy LLC will evaluate these same fields at time of manure application to determine if conditions are suitable for applying manure and complying with the requirements of NR 243.14(8).

Manure Stacking – NR 243.141

All manure stacking sites used by Golden Sands Dairy LLC shall be included in this NMP and will receive DNR review and approval before use. All manure stacking sites shall be selected for compliance with all requirements of NR 243.141.

Golden Sands Dairy LLC does not plan off site solid manure stacking. All solid manure will be stored on approved stacking pads at the dairy site.

Documentation of 180 days storage and methods for maintaining storage - NR 243.14(9) and NR 243.17(3)

Please refer to Permit Application Plans and Specs for manure storage capacity calculations. Please refer to Section 3 of plan for land application schedules for specific fields – this schedule demonstrates how Golden Sands Dairy LLC will maintain in excess of 180 days storage capacity over time.

General Manure and process wastewater application requirements – NR 243.14(2)(b)(1-13)&(c-f)

Golden Sands Dairy LLC will take several actions to ensure all manure and process wastewater is land applied in compliance following general landspreading requirements of NR 243.14:

- No ponding on application site
- During dry weather, no runoff from the application site, nor discharge to waters of the state through subsurface drains
- No causing fecal contamination of water in a well
- Unless rain event is greater than 25 yr/24 hr event and farm complies with NMP and WPDES permit, no runoff from the application site, nor discharge to waters of the state through subsurface drains due to precipitation or snowmelt
- No application on saturated soils
- Maximize use of available nutrients, prevent delivery of manure and process wastewater to waters of the state, and minimize the loss of nutrients and other contaminants to waters of the state to prevent exceedances of groundwater and surface water quality standards and to prevent impairment of wetland functional values
- Retain nutrients in the soil with minimal movement

- No application within 100 feet of direct conduits to groundwater
- No applications within 100 feet of private well and 1000 feet of commercial well
- No application on fields with soils that are 60 inch thick or less over fractured bedrock when ground is frozen or where snow is present.
- No application when snow is actively melting such that water is flowing off a field.
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Please refer to Section 4 of plan for spreading maps that visually describe how the farm will meet many of these general spreading requirements.

To demonstrate compliance with the NR 243.14 general land application requirements above, Golden Sands Dairy LLC will complete, on an ongoing basis, map and field verification procedures (listed below) to ensure spreading maps are accurate (including soil types, slopes and slope lengths), SWQMA or well setback distances are followed and prohibited conditions/features on fields are identified and avoided when spreading manure or process wastewater to NMP fields. The procedures demonstrate how land application activities will be in compliance with NR 243.14 or NRCS 590 restrictions throughout the permit term.

The prohibited conditions/features that Golden Sands Dairy LLC will evaluate for on each field include: ephemeral erosion or concentrated flow channels, saturated soils, intermittent and perennial streams, grassed waterways, wetlands, lakes, drinking wells, areas of field with bedrock or groundwater within 24 inches of field surface, wells and other direct conduits to groundwater - NR 243.14(2)(b)(3),(5),(6), (7-12). These areas have been inventoried and marked on restriction maps (see Section 4 of plan).

Field spreading restriction maps are included in Section 4 , in addition all fields will be inspected and monitored after the land is cleared and put into production.

Golden Sands Dairy LLC will maintain written and/or visual records of ongoing field and map verification actions to demonstrate compliance with NR 243.14 requirements. Please refer to Appendix D and Section 7 of plan for this information.

Field and Map Verification Procedures

Prior to spreading manure onto fields, Golden Sands Dairy LLC Farm Manager will complete the following map and field verification procedures to ensure all manure spreading will be in compliance with NR 243 and 590 criteria:

- Spreading maps will be reviewed by Farm Manager and Manure Application Supervisor to identify all restricted or prohibited features and setback distances on field
- Fields will be inspected for restricted or prohibited features; any new conditions/features will be identified.

- Once identified, prohibited field features will be avoided and setback distances (as depicted on spreading maps or in NR 243 or NRCS 590) will be measured and followed during manure spreading.
- Spreading maps will be updated with any new prohibited/restricted field features or conditions.
- A log will be kept with the NMP to track the map and field verification procedures listed above. The log will track:
 - (a) date(s) review took place
 - (b) person(s) involved.
 - (c) fields verified
 - (d) any new field features or conditions identified on fields
 - (e) photos or other documentation of field features or conditions reviewed

Avoiding manure or process wastewater field runoff or ponding– NR 243.14(2)(b)(1), (2)&(6).

Please refer to field and map verification procedures and NRCS 590 requirements for runoff and ponding.

Surface applications & precipitation forecast for runoff within 24 hours – NR 243.14(2)(b)(13)

For this NMP, *surface* applications of manure will not be completed when rain events above 2.0 inches are forecasted within 24 hours of the time of planned applications. Surface application means manure that is applied and left on the surface of the field. Surface application does not mean manure that is surface applied and then incorporated into the soil.

information will be used determine the risk for forecasted precipitation to cause run-off from fields. Weather Prior to manure applications to fields, www.accuweather.com will be used to track weather forecast data. This forecast data will be printed or saved to disc and kept with the NMP. All weather forecast data will be submitted with annual reports as an attachment.

Drain tile fields & tile discharges to surface waters -NR 243.14(2)(b)(2),(4)&(6) and NRCS 590 (V.A.1.k)

Drain tile discharges from fields to surface waters are not allowed under NR 243.

No drain tiles are present on the cropping fields.

Daily Spreading Log and Annual Reports for DNR – NR 243.19

Golden Sands Dairy LLC will maintain daily spreading log for all manure or process wastewater applications to NMP fields for compliance with NR 243.19. The daily spreading log will also be used to complete required annual reports for DNR. Golden Sands Dairy LLC recognizes the daily spreading log and annual reports are essential to document actual management practices used by Golden Sands Dairy LLC and the resulting soil erosion and water quality impacts on specific fields. Golden Sands Dairy LLC will use DNR Forms 3200-123 and 3200-123A (MS excel spreadsheets) to complete Daily spreading and annual reports. These forms are included in Section 7 of the plan.

Please also refer to NRCS 590 requirements for Annual Updates to NMP

Manure spreading equipment calibration and Manure concentration testing – NR 243.19

Golden Sands Dairy LLC shall conduct or require periodic inspections and ongoing calibration of landspreading equipment to detect leaks and ensure accurate application rates for manure and process wastewater. Initial calibrations shall be followed by additional calibration after any equipment modification or after changes in manure or process wastewater consistency and/or source. At a minimum, calibration of all manure spreading equipment used by Golden Sands Dairy LLC shall be completed annually. Golden Sands Dairy LLC will follow UW extension web page guidance for Calibration of Manure Application Equipment:

http://www.extension.org/pages/Calibration_of_Manure_Application_Equipment

Golden Sands Dairy LLC shall analyze manure and process wastewater applied to fields in accordance with WPDES permit conditions. Sampling shall be completed for all sources of manure and process wastewater. All sources of manure and process wastewater shall be analyzed on at least an annual basis for Nitrogen, Phosphorus, and percent solids in years where manure and process wastewater is applied. Samples collected shall be representative of the manure or process wastewater applied to fields. Golden Sands Dairy LLC will follow sampling methods found in UW publication A3769, Recommended Methods of Manure Analysis:

<http://learningstore.uwex.edu/Assets/pdfs/A3769.pdf>

Wisconsin NRCS 590 Requirements

Dominant Critical Soil

Each field in this NMP is managed to meet NRCS dominant critical soil criteria:

<http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/arm/agriculture/land-water/conservation/nutrient-mngmt/pdf/ChoosingCriticalSoilType.pdf>

The dominant critical soil is the most erosive soil that covers at least 10% of the field area. The dominant critical soil type was selected for all fields listed in the NMP to ensure corresponding rotational T – tolerable soil loss - values for each field are accurate for compliance with NRCS 590 requirements. Please refer to Section 3- Snap Plus Field Data – 590 Assessment report of plan for this information.

T – Tolerable soil loss

Each field in this NMP is managed to meet T – tolerable soil loss - over the crop rotation. T values were calculated using NRCS RUSLE 2 model. No nutrient applications (manure, fertilizer) are allowed on fields that fail to meet T. Erosion controls shall be implemented so that tolerable soil loss (T) over crop rotation will not be exceeded on fields that receive nutrients. Please refer to Section 3- Snap Plus Field Data-590 Assessment of plan for information showing each field's tolerable and actual soil loss.

Soil Testing

Each field in the NMP is managed for compliance with NRCS A2100 soil testing criteria:

<http://www.datcp.state.wi.us/arm/agriculture/land-water/conservation/nutrient-mngmt/pdf/uwex-a2100.pdf>.

Accordingly, all fields in this NMP either meet or are managed to meet A2100 criteria over time. Please refer to Section Soil Test Report of plan for this information. For fields in this NMP that do not currently meet A2100, one of the following management options will be implemented by Golden Sands Dairy LLC until soil testing can be completed:

1. Manure will not be applied to field;
2. Field will be managed as if P levels are greater than 100 ppm P according to NR 243.14(5) criteria for all manure applications to field.

All fields have been assigned a default phosphorus value of 101 ppm for the Snap Plus phosphorus management. Fields will be sampled on five acre grids when they are put into production. Phosphorus values will be updated as they are made available.

Application and budgeting of nutrients – consistent with NRCS 590 standard and soil fertility recommendations found in A2809.

Each field in the NMP is managed to address the source, rate, timing, form and method of application and budgeting *of all* nutrient sources (i.e., including soil reserves, commercial fertilizer, manure, organic byproducts – animal mortality and composting materials - legume crops and crop residues) generated or accepted by the farm and applied to fields. Please refer to Section 3 of plan for this information.

Other sources of nutrients to be land applied (NRCS 590 requirement)

Please refer to Section 3 of plan for calculations/analysis for table values and Section 3 of plan for specific fields land application amounts and schedules (e.g., spring, summer or fall).

Snap-Plus reports stating field specific nutrient applications.

Crop Yield Goals

Each field in the NMP is managed according to yield goals that are attainable by the farm under average growing conditions and established using multi year documented yields kept by the farm. Farm yield goals in this NMP shall not be set higher than 15% above the previous 3-5 year average. Yield goals for Golden Sands Dairy, LLC are expected to correspond with crop yields produced by Wysocki Produce Farms for Central Sands Dairy LLC., Nekoosa, WI. Wysoki Farms will also crop the land base and be responsible for the feed production for Golden Sands Dairy. Historic yield information is available from Wysoki Farms.

Records of soil and manure testing results

Golden Sands Dairy LLC will complete and retained records showing recent soil testing and manure testing results. Please refer to Section 2 of plan for this information. Golden Sands Dairy LLC will follow the following schedule to ensure manure analysis or soil testing for fields will be completed and then the NMP will be updated with this information.

Golden Sands Dairy LLC will sample all crop land after the fields are cleared of the mature pine plantations. Fields will be sampled on a five acre grid system. Soil samples are expected to be available for the 2014 Annual Cropping update. Soil test values used for the Snap-Plus projections are values from soil samples taken in April 2012 from a representative parcel of mature red pine that was cleared for crop production. Default phosphorus values of 101 ppm. are used for the cropping P balance.

Manure samples used for the Snap- Plus projections are representative manure analysis reports, 2009 - 2012, from a dairy with a similar manure digester system and similar herd management, Central Sands Dairy, LLC., Nekoosa, WI. Manure samples will be updated as the manure is produced at Golden Sands Dairy.

Fields with concentrated flow channels resulting in reoccurring gullies or ephemeral erosion

Golden Sands Dairy LLC will evaluate fields on an ongoing basis each year for presence or flow channels or other types of ephemeral soil erosion. If fields show evidence of concentrated flow channels resulting in re-occurring gullies or ephemeral erosion, the following actions will be taken by the farm:

- Spreading maps will be updated to reflect areas with concentrated flow channels;
- Manure will not be spread on fields with concentrated flow channels, until perennial vegetative cover is established in all areas of concentrated flow;
- A schedule for establishing perennial vegetative cover in all areas of concentrated flow as well as implementation dates will be recorded and kept with this NMP.
- One or more NRCS 590 runoff reducing practices for crop fields with ephemeral erosion will be selected and implemented. Practices selected and implementation dates will be recorded and kept with this NMP.

Once vegetated flow channels/grassed waterways established within fields, such areas will be maintained to perform their intended function and manure will not be applied within these areas.

Fields with high potential for N leaching to groundwater - soil temperature, application rate and timing restrictions

Fields in this NMP have been evaluated for soils with high potential for N leaching to groundwater for compliance with NRCS 590 requirements. Please refer to Section 3 and 4 of plan for this information. When manure is applied fields with soils classified as having a high potential for N leaching to groundwater and the soils are > 50 degrees F, the potential exists for rapid N mineralization. The risk for N mineralization and loss (via leaching to groundwater) is a concern the farm will manage for. As such, Golden Sands Dairy LLC will measure soil temperatures prior to field applications in late summer or Fall. Soil temperature logs will be kept with manure spreading records/reports and maintained over time for compliance recordkeeping requirements. The farm will follow the following procedures for compliance with NRCS 590 soil temperature, application rate and timing restrictions:

- If any fields are found to be > 50 degrees F, Golden Sands Dairy LLC will strictly follow section V, B, 2 of NRCS 590 standard.
- If any fields are found to be < 50 degrees F, Golden Sands Dairy LLC will strictly follow section V, B, 3 of NRCS 590 standard.

Field Inspection and Response Procedures for manure ponding, runoff from fields or drainage to subsurface tiles.

Golden Sands Dairy LLC will evaluate field and weather conditions prior to and during mechanical applications of **manures, organic byproducts and fertilizer** to ensure that applied material(s) do not cause ponding, runoff, or drainage to subsurface tiles.

The following response procedures will be followed by Golden Sands Dairy LLC if/when ponding, runoff or drainage to subsurface tiles occurs during and/or after applications to fields:

1. Stop application immediately (if field application not finished)
2. Containment measures (e.g., earth berms, pumps, temporary pits, tillage, incorporation) will be implemented immediately to prevent off-site movement from field.
3. Changes in application rate, method, depth of injection or timing to the field shall be implemented during any future application to eliminate ponding, runoff or drainage to subsurface tiles.

4. Farm shall notify DNR of any spills or accidental release to comply with Ag Spill Law (289.11) or term of WPDES permit.

Annual Updates

This NMP will be updated annually. Each NMP annual update for Golden Sands Dairy LLC shall include records/documentation of all soil or manure analyses as well as crops, tillage, nutrient application rates, and methods actually implemented on each field that receives nutrients. Annual updates are essential to document actual management practices and resulting soil erosion and water quality impacts on specific fields.

Provide following info for Reissuance permit:

Changes to the operation that have or are planned to occur during upcoming permit term

Changes to the operation that will be necessary to comply with NR 243.14 Nutrient Management land application requirements (e.g., general requirements – 243.14.(2)(b)1-13, fields with drain tiles, 180 days storage).

Location of existing site and proposed modifications to the site

Description of permanent spray irrigation systems AND any other landspreading or treatment systems

Include all 1st time WPDES permit issuance criteria listed above here

Appendix A

Wisconsin Manure Quantity Estimation

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Name: _____ Date: _____

Animal	Size	Daily Manure Production To Apply						Annual Manure Production To Apply				
		Solid		Liquid				Number x	Daily x	365 Day x	%	= Total
	Lbs	Lbs/day	ft ³ /day	MWPS ft ³ /day x WI dairy & beef dilution factor	ft ³ /day & WI dilution	MWPS gal./day x WI dairy & beef dilution factor	gal./day & WI dilution	of Head	Total Tons or Gal.	Total	Collected	= Total Collected Tons or Gal.
Dairy												
Calf	150	13	0.200	.21*1.8=	.37	1.53*1.8=	2.80					
Calf	250	21	0.320	.33*1.8=	.60	2.47*1.8=	4.50					
Heifer	750	65	1.000	1.03*1.8=	1.85	7.70*1.8=	13.8					
Lact. Cows	1000	106	1.700	1.71*1.8=	3.07	12.7*1.8=	23.0					
	1400	148	2.400	2.38*1.8=	4.28	17.7*1.8=	32.0					
Dry Cows	1000	82	1.300	1.30*1.8=	2.35	9.7*1.8=	18.0					
	1400	115	1.820	1.82*1.8=	3.33	13.6*1.8=	25.0					
Beef												
Calf	450	26	0.420	.415*3.2=	1.3	3.1*3.2=	9.9					
High Forage	750	62	1.000	1.00*3.2=	3.2	7.5*3.2=	24.0					
High Forage	1100	92	1.400	1.48*3.2=	4.8	11*3.2=	35.0					
High Energy	750	54	0.870	.87*3.2=	2.7	6.5*3.2=	20.8					
High Energy	1100	80	1.260	1.27*3.2=	4.1	9.5*3.2=	30.5					
Beef Cow	1000	63	1.000	1.00*3.2=	3.2	7.5*3.2=	24.0					
Swine												
Nursery Pig	25	2.7	0.040		.04		.30					
Grow-Finish Pig	150	9.5	0.150		.17		1.20					
Gestating Sow	275	7.5	0.120		.14		1.00					
Sow & Litter	375	22.5	0.360		.42		3.00					
Boar	350	7.2	0.120		.14		1.00					
Poultry / Other												
Layers	4	0.26	0.004		.004		.03					
Broilers	2	0.18	0.003		.003		.02					
Turkeys	20	0.9	0.014		.015		.11					
Duck	6	0.33	0.005		.006		.04					
Sheep	100	4	0.060		.055		.40					
Horse	1000	50	0.800		.827		5.98					

Source: Midwest Plan Service publication number MWPS-18 "Manure Characteristics" Section 1, copyright 2000. Solid volumes are as excreted. The liquid dairy and beef values are computed from the MWPS daily production and have approximately equal nutrient values annually as solid manure. MWPS liquid dairy and beef factors are multiplied by 1.8 and 3.2 respectively. Dilution on your operation may be substantially different. Use manure analysis and manure storage volumes to determine manure production whenever possible.

Manure quantities are likely to be more accurate estimated from storage size:
 What is the manure storage pit size? _____ gallons or tons?
 Multiply pit size x Number of times emptied/yr? _____ = Total annual manure collection

Available Manure Nutrients

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Manure analysis testing for available nutrients in (lbs./ton or lbs./1000 gallons) N P₂O₅ K₂O

Manure book values for available nutrients in (lbs./ton or lbs./1000 gallons)									
Species/ Management	Total Available Nutrients from Solid Manure lbs./ton				Species/ Management	Total Available Nutrients from Liquid Manure lbs./ 1,000 gallons			
	N	N	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O		N	N	P ₂ O ₅	K ₂ O
	Surface applied	Incorporated by 3 rd day				Surface applied	Incorporated by 3 rd day		

One Year of Application

Dairy	3	4	3	7	Dairy	7	10	5	16
Beef	4	5	5	9	Veal calf	6	8	6	20
Swine	7	9	6	7	Beef	5	7	5	16
Duck	9	10	13	24	Swine indoor pit	25	33	25	24
Chicken	20	24	30	24	Swine outdoor pit	17	22	10	16
Turkey	20	24	24	24	Swine farrow nursery indoor pit	13	16	14	18
Sheep	7	9	11	32	Poultry	8	10	6	10
Horse	3	4	4	8					

Two Consecutive Years of Application

Dairy	4	5	4	8	Dairy	10	12	6	18
Beef	5	6	6	10	Veal calf	8	9	7	23
Swine	8	11	7	8	Beef	7	9	6	18
Duck	10	12	15	27	Swine indoor pit	30	38	29	27
Chicken	24	28	35	27	Swine outdoor pit	20	26	11	18
Turkey	24	28	28	27	Swine farrow nursery indoor pit	15	19	16	20
Sheep	9	12	13	36	Poultry	10	11	7	11
Horse	4	5	4	9					

Three or More Consecutive Years of Application

Dairy	5	6	4	9	Dairy	11	13	7	19
Beef	6	7	7	10	Veal calf	8	10	8	24
Swine	9	11	8	9	Beef	8	10	7	19
Duck	11	13	16	29	Swine indoor pit	33	40	32	29
Chicken	26	30	38	29	Swine outdoor pit	22	27	12	19
Turkey	26	30	30	29	Swine farrow nursery indoor pit	16	20	17	21
Sheep	10	13	14	38	Poultry	10	12	8	11
Horse	4	5	5	10					

Figures are rounded to the nearest whole pound. Manure book values table replaces UWEX Publication A-2809 (1998)

Wisconsin Certified Laboratories

A Wisconsin nutrient management plan must be based on soil tests conducted at the soil testing laboratory certified by the Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. This requirement ensures soil test results and recommendations will be generated through analytical procedures approved by the University of Wisconsin. The results are consistent. Laboratories must perform with a certain level of success, to remain certified.

The following soil testing laboratories are Wisconsin DATCP certified. The laboratories participating in the Manure Analysis Proficiency (MAP) program are indicated below to provide quality control to the Laboratory Analysis Industry. You can learn more about the MAP program and find other participating laboratories at <http://ghex.colostate.edu/map/>.

UW Soil & Plant Analysis Laboratory
5711 Mineral Point Rd
Madison, WI 53705
(608)262-4364
soil-lab@uwmadmail.services.wisc.edu

UW Soil & Forage Lab
8396 Yellowstone Dr.
Marshfield, WI 54449
(715)387-2523
jbpeter1@facstaff.wisc.edu
MAP participant

Agsources Soil & Forage Lab
106 N. Cecil Street
Bonduel, WI 54107
(715)758-2178
aglab@agsources.com
MAP participant

Rock River Laboratory
PO Box 169
Watertown, WI 53904
(920)261-0446
rrllab@execpc.com
MAP participant

Dairyland Laboratories
217 E. Main Street
Arcadia, WI 54612
(608)323-2123
info@dairylandlabs.com
MAP participant

A&L Great Lakes
Laboratories
3505 Conestoga Dr.
Fort Wayne, IN 46808
(219)483-4759
lparker@algreatlakes.com
MAP participant

Mowers Soil Testing Plus, Inc.
117 E Main St
Toulon, IL 61483
(309)286-2761
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Logan Labs
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184 West Main Street
Russells Point, OH 43348
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Appendix C



BUREAU OF WATERSHED MANAGEMENT

INTERIM GUIDANCE

NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT - CAFO APPLICATIONS ON SHALLOW GROUNDWATER SOILS

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Description: Ch. NR 243, Wis. Adm. Code, restrictions CAFO manure and process wastewater applications to fields that have less than 24 inches of soil over groundwater or bedrock.

This guidance describes how permittees and their consultants can identify and determine whether to use these fields as well as how Department staff can review fields for compliance with this requirement.

This document is intended solely as guidance, and does not contain any mandatory requirements except where requirements found in statute or administrative rule are referenced. This guidance does not establish or affect legal rights or obligations, and is not finally determinative of any of the issues addressed. This guidance does not create any rights enforceable by any party in litigation with the State of Wisconsin or the Department of Natural Resources. Any regulatory decisions made by the Department of Natural Resources in any matter addressed by this guidance will be made by applying the governing statutes and administrative rules to the relevant facts.

Background

NR 243.14(2)(b)(7) requires CAFO manure or process wastewater applications may not be applied on areas of a field with a depth to groundwater or bedrock of less than 24 inches.

This restriction applies only to those portions of field that have less than 24 inches of separation to groundwater. If portions of a field have at least 24" of soil, these portions of the field are not subject to the prohibition (i.e., there is no de minimus amount of field that falls into/out of a prohibition area that would allow the entire field to be determined to not meet/meet the restriction).

NRCS Conservation Planning Technical Note WI-1

This document (Appendix 1) identifies soils with high potential for groundwater contamination. It places restrictions on 'w' type soils. The 'w' symbol indicates the soil is very poorly and poorly drained has an apparent water table that is less than 12 inches from the surface for any duration at any time of the year. Accordingly, 'w' soils indicate, by definition, where the depth to groundwater may also be within 24 inches of the field surface for any duration at any time of the year.

Tech Note WI-1 link (Sept 2007):<http://www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/technotes.html>

NRCS Soil Description for 'w' soils

NRCS soil descriptions provide more detailed information for individual soils, including 'w' soils. Each description contains a category entitled DRAINAGE AND SATURATED HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY. This category describes the depth to water table (groundwater) for specific time periods. Here are two examples:

Example 1 - Poorly drained. An apparent seasonal high water table is at 15 cm (0.5 foot) above the surface to 31 cm (1.0 foot) below the surface at some time during spring in most years.

Example 2 - Very poorly drained. Depth to the seasonal high water table ranges from 2 foot above the surface in ponded phases to 1 foot below the surface from September to June.

For specific NRCS soil descriptions, use NRCS Soil Description Search link (click on soil series name search):

<http://soils.usda.gov/technical/classification/osd/index.html>

NRCS soil description, groundwater depth factors and NR 243 compliance

The NRCS soil descriptions, however, are not regulatory. They are general guidance provided by NRCS for general nutrient management purposes. *The actual depth to groundwater on a specific day or under specific conditions may vary from the NRCS narrative soil descriptions.*

The following factors influence groundwater depth:

- Soil type(s) and moisture content.
- Field topography.
- Weather patterns (wet or dry seasons).
- Drainage systems (ditches and drain tiles).
- Crop and Tillage types.

NR 243.14 requires manure applications to fields meet the depth to groundwater requirement **on a field by field basis at the time of application.** The steps described below provide permitted CAFO farms some methods to demonstrate compliance with the NR243 depth to groundwater requirement. **Please note, this guidance does not preclude a CAFO farm from submitting or implementing alternative methods to this guidance*.**

* = Alternative methods do not become effective until the department has reviewed and approved the method.

Interim guidance for shallow groundwater soils

(1) For each field listed in farm's Nutrient Management Plan (NMP), identify and map all 'w' soil units using tools below. Keep with NMP.

Web Soil Survey - <http://websoilsurvey.nrcs.usda.gov/app/>

Tech Note WI-1 (Appx 1)- <http://www.wi.nrcs.usda.gov/technical/technotes.html>

(2) For each field, document the NRCS Soil Series description for all 'w' soil units using link below. Keep with NMP. Use DRAINAGE AND SATURATED HYDRAULIC CONDUCTIVITY description to determine depth to water table time period(s).

NRCS Soil Description - <http://ortho.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov/cgi-bin/osd/osdname.cgi>

(3) If possible, avoid applying manure or process wastewater to areas of fields with 'w' soils during shallow groundwater time periods listed in NRCS soil description(s). If avoidance is not possible, follow steps 4-6 below.

(4) Before any application, inspect the 'w' soil section(s) of the field and answer the following question: Are 'w' soil sections of field 'idle' - Y or N?

For purposes of this guidance, "idle" means: the 'w' soil section(s) of field show evidence of hydric soils and exhibit: (1) Wetland vegetation (woody vegetation, shrubs, grasses) or (2) Abandoned condition (e.g., no crops or evidence of recent crops for at least two years).

- i. **If Y – no application; locate alternative acreage.**
- ii. **If N – go to Step 5.**

(5) Before any application, demonstrate 'w' soil sections of field do not have a groundwater depth of less than 24 inches.

- i. **If Y– apply manure and follow all other NR243.14 manure spreading requirements.**
- ii. **If N– no application; locate alternative acreage; or apply at time when groundwater depth is greater than 24 inches.**

For purposes of this guidance, 'demonstrate' means one of the following options:

- (1) Locate drain tile(s) on the field with 'w' soils units. Determine drain tile(s) are functioning and tile depth is 24 inches or greater from the surface of the field. If drain tile(s) meet criteria above, complete application and follow all other NR243 spreading requirements (e.g., preventing drain tile discharges to surface waters).**
- (2) Excavate at least two "representative" soil pits within at least one 'w' soil area on the field that is five acres or less in size* (using mechanical soil auger or manual hand tools) to a depth of at least 30 inches. After at least one hour, observe if the water table is below 24 inches of surface. If both pits (for each five acre area) meet the criteria above, refill each pit, complete application and follow all other NR243 spreading requirements.**

*= When 'w' soil area on field is greater than five acres in size, excavate additional soil pits so a ratio of two pits for each 5 acre sized 'w' soil unit is met.

For purposes of this guidance, "representative" means choosing locations within a 'w' soil area of field that reflects the overall structure and characteristics of the 'w' soil unit.

(6) Document steps taken at each field with 'w' soil units in WPDES permit daily and annual spreading reports.

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