STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND HEARING AND INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES)
PERMIT No. WI-0063932-02-0

Permittee: Tag Lane Dairy Farm, W801 Gopher Hill Road, Ixonia, WI 53036
Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Tag Lane Dairy Farm, W801 Gopher Hill Road, Ixonia, WI 53036
Receiving Water and Location: Surface water and groundwater within the Sinissippi Lake and Ashippun River-Rock River Watersheds, Upper Rock River Drainage Basin Watersheds

Brief Facility Description: Tag Lane Dairy LLC is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation located in the Town of Ixonia, Jefferson County, Wisconsin. Tag Lane maintains a current dairy herd size of 2,228 animal units (1,290 milking & dry cows, 470 heifers, and 350 calves) with a planned expanded herd size to 3,578 animal units (2254 milking and dry cows, 469 heifers, and 350 calves) by 2020. Manure generation and spreading records indicate the herd at Tag Lane Dairy will annually generate approximately 10,415,000 gallons of manure and process wastewater and 16,600 tons of solid manure in the first year of the permit term. After the planned herd expansion, manure generation and spreading records indicate the herd will annually generate approximately 16,645,000 gallons of manure and process wastewater and 26,500 tons of solid manure. That Tag Lane Dairy currently has 2,633 acres (325 owned and 2,308 controlled through contracts, rental agreements or leases, or under manure agreements) of which 2,594.8 are spreadable acres (not restricted from receiving manure). Tag Lane Dairy currently has 242 days of storage for liquid manure, process wastewater, and rainfall, and at least 59 days of storage for solid manure.

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be reissued. The Department has determined that this WPDES permit action is an equivalent analysis action under s. NR 150.20, Wis. Adm. Code, and does not require additional environmental analysis under NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code.

Permit Drafter: James M. "Mike" Carlson, DNR Mackenzie Center; W7303 Cty Hwy CS/Q/ Poynette, WI 53955, (608) 635-8111, James.Carlson@wisconsin.gov

Hearing Date, Time, and Location: Thursday, May 31, 2018 at 10:00 A.M., City of Oconomowoc Council Chambers, 174 E. Wisconsin Avenue, Oconomowoc, WI 53066

The Department of Natural Resources, pursuant to Section 283.49, Wisconsin Statutes, has scheduled a public hearing for the purpose of giving all interested persons an opportunity to make a statement with respect to the proposed permit action, the terms of the nutrient management plan, and the application for this operation.

The hearing officer will conduct the hearing in an orderly fashion and will use procedures specified in Subchapter II of ch. NR 203, Wis. Adm. Code, necessary to insure broad public participation in the hearing. The types of concerns that cannot be addressed or considered as part of the proposed permit action include, but are not limited to: health impacts not related to water quality; odor/air pollution; traffic on roads; quality of life issues not related to water quality; community values; property values; treatment of animals; civil agreements; out of state or corporate ownership; or location, other than compliance with buffers, setbacks, and proximity and risk to surface and groundwater.

The hearing office will open the hearing and make a concise statement of the scope and purpose of the hearing and shall state what procedures will be used during the course of the hearing. The hearing officer shall explain the method of notification of the final decision to grant or deny the permit and the methods by which the decision may be reviewed in a public adjudicatory hearing. The hearing officer may place limits on individual oral statements to insure an opportunity for all persons present to make statements in a reasonable period of time and to prevent undue repetition. The hearing officer may also limit the number of representatives making oral statements on behalf of any person or group. Informational and clarifying questions and oral statements shall be directed through the hearing officer. Cross-examination shall not be allowed.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, the terms of the nutrient management plan, or the application, are invited to do so by attending the public hearing or by submitting any comments or objections in writing to the Department of Natural Resources, at the permit drafter’s address. All comments or suggestions received from members of the public no later than 7 days following the date of this public hearing will be used, along with other information on file and testimony presented at the hearing, in making a final determination. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department’s final decision regarding permit coverage. 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.
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 (608) 635-8111 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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