

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0026620-08-0

Permittee: Seneca Foods Corporation, PO Box 237, Cambria, WI, 53923

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Seneca Foods Corporation Cambria West, 801 W Commerce St, Cambria, WI

Receiving Water And Location: North Branch of Duck Creek

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: Seneca Foods Cambria West is a seasonal canning facility that typically operates June – October, 24-hours a day, 7-days a week. The facility cans approximately 100,000 tons of peas, corn, and snap beans each year. Process waters, cooling waters and vegetable by-products are generated throughout the vegetable canning process. Process water is generated from wash, floor and other contact streams and stored in a wastewater holding tank and/or a wastewater lagoon. The process water is then directed to either the Wastewater Lagoon (during prohibitive weather), Morgan Road Sprayfield, Albrecht Sprayfield or Hahn Sprayfield. Contact cooling water is generated from cooling major equipment and cans of vegetables. The cooling water flows by gravity to the 14 MG Can Cooling Lagoon located northwest of the plant where it is stored and then directed to the sprayfields. Each sprayfield (or lagoon) is surrounded by its respective groundwater monitoring system to monitor groundwater quality.

The permittee notified the department during the permit reissuance process that the facility will no longer discharge any can cooling water to surface water. Vegetable by-product solids are hauled off site under normal conditions. No vegetable by-product solids are taken to manure storage facilities. Industrial sludge from the process water lagoon and holding tank due to settling are spread on department approved sites.

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Jennifer Jerich, DNR, N7725 Hwy 28, Horicon, WI, 53032, (920) 450-4078, Jennifer.Jerich@wisconsin.gov

Basin Engineer's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Zachary Watson, 1500 N Johns Street, Dodgeville, WI 53533, (414) 430-0584, zachary.watson@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) 450-4078 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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