

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION
SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0063983-01-0

Permittee: Hilltop Dairy, N477 Cty Rd Q, Markesan, WI 53946

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Hilltop Dairy, N477 Cty Rd Q, Markesan, Green Lake County, Wisconsin

Receiving Water and Location: South Branch of the Upper Rock River and groundwater of the state

Brief Facility Description: Hilltop Dairy, LLC is an existing dairy facility operated by Richard, Loren, and Calvin Greenfield. The farm currently houses a total of 789 milking and dry cows (1128 animal units). The milking cows are kept in a large freestall barn, holding area, and milking parlor. Dry cows are housed in two barns on the farm and have access to three managed outdoor lots. Waste from the cattle is held in a 4.78 million gallon, two-cell, earthen liquid storage facility, with the first stage having a concrete floor. By the end of the five year permit term, the operation plans to expand to 1,616 milking and dry cows (2311 animal units); prior to this expansion, the farm intends to expand the waste and feed storage facilities.

Permit Drafter/Basin Engineer: Liz Spaeth-Werner, DNR Oshkosh Service Center, 625 E. County Road Y, Oshkosh, WI 54901, (920) 303-5426, elizabeth.spaethwerner@wisconsin.gov

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be issued for this new discharge.

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 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 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, 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 and fact sheet (if required), may be inspected and copied at the permit drafter/basin engineer's office, Monday through Friday (except holidays), between 9:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Please call the permit drafter/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) 303-5426 or by writing to the Department. Reasonable costs (usually 20 cents per page) will be charged for copies of 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/org/water/wm/ww>. 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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