

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND INTENT TO ISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0066729-01-0

Permittee: Grass Ridge Farm LLC, 5882 County Road E North, Pittsville, WI, 54466

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Grass Ridge Farm LLC, 5832 County Road E, Pittzville

Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the Hemlock Creek Watershed

Brief Facility Description : Grass Ridge Farm LLC is a proposed Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). Grass Ridge Farm LLC is owned and operated by Paul Lippert. It currently has 1,279 animal units and is proposing to expand to 1,664 animal units during the proposed permit term. Construction schedules have been included in the operation's proposed permit. Grass Ridge Farm LLC has a total of 1,449 acres available for land application of manure and process wastewater. Of this acreage, 363 acres are owned and 1,086 acres are rented.

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

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Mark Kaczorowski, DNR, 225051 Rib Mountain Drive, Wausau, WI, 54401, (715) 218-0089, Mark.Kaczorowski@wisconsin.gov

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action, the terms of the nutrient management plan, or the application, or to request a public informational 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 within 30 days of the public date of this notice, a request for a hearing is filed by any person. The Department shall schedule a public informational hearing if a petition requesting a hearing is received from USEPA or from 5 or more persons or if the Department determines there is significant public interest. 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), 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 (715) 218-0089 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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