

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO ISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0067148-01-0

Permittee: Saputo Cheese USA Inc, 355 Crawford Blvd, Las Cruces, NM, 88005

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Saputo Cheese USA Inc Reedsburg Greenway, 522 Greenway Ct, Reedsburg, WI 53958

Receiving Water And Location: Unnamed tributary located in the Narrows Creek – Baraboo River Watershed in the Lower Wisconsin River Basin.

Brief Facility Description: Saputo Cheese USA Inc Reedsburg Greenway (formerly owned by Omega Protein Inc.) receives liquid whey from bovine and caprine cheese makers that is used to make whey protein concentrate and lactose. The bovine and caprine permeate from the make process is sold as liquid animal feed. The polished reverse osmosis (RO) permeate from the make process is discharged to a stormwater pond. The discharge from the pond travels approximately 0.2 mile before its confluence with the Unnamed Tributary (WBIC 5030415) as described in the letter from the department to Omega Protein dated September 23, 2016 (see Attachment #3).

This discharge was previously covered under the Non-Contact Cooling Water or Condensate and Boiler Blowdown (WI-0044938-6) General Permit. The discharge is now being covered under an individual permit in order to evaluate the effluent in more detail and to include facility-specific technology-based limitations.

Conversion of NCCW general permit to individual permit.

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: Tanner Connors, 3911 Fish Hatchery Road, Fitchburg, WI 53711, (608) 575-6891, Tanner.Connors@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 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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