

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0063908-03-0

Permittee: UW Arlington Agricultural Research Station, N695 Hopkins Rd, Arlington, WI, 53911

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: **Blaine Dairy**, W6723 Badger Lane, Arlington WI 5391, **Beef Grazing**, W7431 County Road K, Arlington WI 53911, **Beef Nutrition**, N551 Ramsey Road, Arlington WI 53911, **Sheep South**, 4857 Meek Road, Arlington WI 53911, **Sheep North**, 4857 Meek Road, Arlington WI 53911, **Swine Facility**, N636 County Road I, Arlington WI 53911, **Bookhout Farm**, W7114 Ramsey Road, Arlington WI 53911

Receiving Water And Location: Surface water and groundwater within the **Headwaters Yahara River** Watersheds

Brief Facility Description : UW Arlington Agricultural Research Station is an existing Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). UW Arlington Agricultural Research Station is owned and operated by University of Wisconsin System. The farm currently has 1,883 animal units. (580 milking & dry cows, 117 calves, 653 pigs up to 55 lbs, 976 over 55 lbs, 227 sows, 44 boars, 800 sheep, & 400 beef/steers). UW-Arlington has a total of 4,779.6 acres available for land application of manure and process wastewater. Of this acreage, 1,688.7 acres are owned, and 3,087.9 acres are rented. UW-Arlington has no planned expansion during the proposed permit term. Approximately 12,654,000 gallons of manure and process wastewater and 8,000 tons of solid manure will be generated the first year of the permit term. UW-Arlington Research Station has a proposed 355 days of liquid manure storage at Blaine Dairy, 283 days of liquid manure storage at the Swine Facility, and at least 59 days of solid manure storage.

Seven facilities are currently covered under UW- Arlington Research Station WPDES Permit. Facilities are located in Columbia and Dane County. The facilities are utilized by the University of Wisconsin – Madison for the research of dairy and beef cattle, swine, and sheep. Cropland is used in a variety of agricultural research projects, utilizing different cropping practices covered with in the farm's nutrient management plan.

UW-Arlington Research Station has submitted an application for reissuance of their Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (WPDES) permit. The application is complete, and the facility has been determined to be in substantial compliance. This will be the second permit reissuance for this facility. UW-Arlington has an approved Nutrient Management Plan (NMP) that is written according to WPDES permit and Chapter NR 243 Wis. Adm. Code requirements.

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

Permit Drafter's Name, Address, Phone and Email: Eric Struck, DNR, 141 NW Bartow Street, Waukesha, WI, 53188-3789, (608) 422-1512, [Eric.Struck@wisconsin.gov](mailto:Eric.Struck@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 re-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 re-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 (608) 422-1512 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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