

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-0065919-01-0

Permittee: Ron Ziegler Farm, N368 Hwy 51, DeForest, WI 53532

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Ron Ziegler Farm, NWQ NWQ Section 33, T10N R10E, Town of Leeds,
Columbia County, Wisconsin

Receiving Water and Location: Surface water and groundwater within the headwaters of the Yahara River
Watershed, Lower Rock River Drainage Basin

Brief Facility Description: Ron Ziegler Farm is a proposed Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). Ron Ziegler Farm is owned and operated by Ron Ziegler. At the time of permit application, the operation held 999 animal units and has since expanded to 1717 animal units in the fall of 2015. Ron Ziegler Farm has a total of 2415 acres available for land application of manure and process wastewater. Of this acreage, 312 acres are owned and 2103 acres are rented. The permittee currently has 246 days of storage for liquid manure. The permittee currently handles solid manure by transferring it to another WPDES-permitted CAFO. This transfer is accounted for in the Nutrient Management Plans for the respective operations. The permittee must maintain 180 days of storage, unless temporary reductions in required storage are approved by the Department.

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be issued. This WPDES permit action is an integrated analysis action under s. NR 150.20(2), Wis. Adm. Code, and does not require a separate action under NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code.

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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, 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 (920) 387-7881 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/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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