

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING AND INTENT TO MODIFY A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT
DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No. WI-0063533-02-1

Permittee: Central Sands Dairy LLC, N15927 CTY G, Nekoosa, WI 54457

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Central Sands Dairy LLC, County Rd G, NWQ T20N R4E Sec 12, Town of Armenia, Juneau County, Wisconsin

Receiving Water and Location: Surface water and groundwater within the Central Wisconsin River Basin and groundwaters of the state

Brief Facility Description: Central Sands Dairy LLC is an existing WPDES-permitted dairy Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation. Its current WPDES permit became effective on January 1, 2012 and will expire on December 31, 2016. At issuance, the operation housed approximately 3800 dairy cows and 400 calves, or 5300 Animal Units. In response to concerns about potential groundwater impacts associated with the operation's production area, the Department is proposing to modify the current permit to include requirements for Central Sands Dairy LLC to install a production area groundwater monitoring system. As part of the modification, the Department has identified approximate locations for the groundwater monitoring wells associated with the system which are identified within the modified permit.

The only sections of the permit that are proposed for modification are related to requirements associated with installation of the production area groundwater monitoring system. These include:

Insertion of Section 2, "Groundwater Monitoring System for Production Area": This section outlines the proposed groundwater monitoring system and associated sampling/monitoring requirements.

Insertion of Section 3.4, "Production Area Monitoring – Groundwater Monitoring Well Installation": This section outlines the construction schedule for the proposed production area groundwater monitoring system.

Insertion of Section 4.3, "Groundwater Standard Requirements": This section outlines standard requirements associated with groundwater monitoring systems.

Modification of Section 5, "Summary of Reports Due": This section was modified to include the summary of items changed in Sections 2 and 3.4.

Permit cover page signatory line and signee: to accurately reflect the name and title of the personnel signing the modified permit.

Only the specific modifications discussed above are subject to public review and comment. All other components of the permit remain unchanged.

The Department has tentatively decided that the above specified WPDES permit should be modified. 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 ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code.

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Public Hearing Date, Time, and Location: Monday, May 9, 2016; 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm, Village of Necedah Community Meeting Room, 101 Center Street, Necedah, WI 54646

The Department, pursuant to Section 283.49, Wisconsin Statutes, has scheduled a public hearing for the purpose of giving all interested persons an opportunity to make a statement with respect to the proposed permit action. The Department is providing less than 30 days of notice prior to the information hearing to minimize the amount of time before groundwater monitoring requirements become effective. The overall 30-day public comment period is being maintained.

The hearing officer will conduct the hearing in an orderly fashion and will use procedures specified in Subchapter II of ch. NR 203, Wis. Adm. Code, necessary to insure broad public participation in the hearing. The hearing officer will open the hearing and make a concise statement of the scope and purpose of the hearing and shall state what procedures will be used during the course of the hearing. The hearing officer shall explain the method of notification of the final decision on the modified permit and the methods by which the decision may be reviewed in a public adjudicatory hearing.

The hearing officer may place limits on individual oral statements to insure an opportunity for all persons present to make statements in a reasonable period of time and to prevent undue repetition. The hearing officer may also limit the number of representatives making oral statements on behalf of any person or group. Informational and clarifying questions and oral statements shall be directed through the hearing officer. Cross-examination shall not be allowed.

Persons wishing to comment on or object to the proposed permit action (modification of the specific permit sections outlined above) are invited to do so by attending the public hearing or by submitting any comments or objections in writing to the Department of Natural Resources, at the permit drafter's address. All comments or suggestions received from members of the public no later than 7 days following the date of this public hearing will be used, along with other information on file and testimony presented at the hearing, in making a final determination. Anyone providing comments in response to this public notice will receive a notification of the Department's final decision regarding permit coverage. 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.

Information on file for this permit action, including the draft modified permit and fact sheet, 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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