

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC NOTICE OF AVAILABILITY OF A NUTRIENT MANAGEMENT PLAN AND INTENT TO CONVEY
COVERAGE UNDER THE LARGE DAIRY CAFO WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION
SYSTEM (WPDES) GENERAL PERMIT No. WI-0063274-01-0

Permittee: Hillsprairie Dairy/Mitchell Farms, Inc., E18194 County Highway F, Hillsboro, WI 54634

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Hillsprairie Dairy/Mitchell Farms, Inc., E17839 County Highway F, Town of Hillsboro, Vernon County, Wisconsin

Receiving Water and Location: Surface water and groundwater within the Upper Baraboo Watershed

Brief Facility Description: Hillsprairie Dairy/Mitchell Farms, Inc. is a currently permitted Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). Hillsprairie Dairy/Mitchell Farms, Inc. is owned and operated by Jeff Mitchell. It currently has 1400 animal units. Hillsprairie Dairy/Mitchell Farms, Inc. has a total of 1500 acres available for land application of manure and process wastewater. Of this acreage, 1000 acres are owned and 500 acres are rented.

The operation's current WPDES permit WI-0062634-02-0 expires on December 31, 2013, and the Department has proposed to cover Hillsprairie Dairy/Mitchell Farms, Inc. under the Large Dairy CAFO WPDES General Permit WI-0063274-01.

The operation consists of the following sites and sample points:

- R001A - Runoff Control System – Feed Leachate Controls
- S001A – Solid Manure Storage including daily solids
- S002A – Liquid Storage #1- First stage Manure Storage
- S002B – Liquid Storage #2 – Second Stage Manure Storage (Total Liquid Storage = 8 Million Gallons)
- S003A – Milking Center Waste Storage #1

The Department has tentatively decided that the above operation should be covered under the Large Dairy CAFO WPDES General Permit No. WI-0063274-01-0. In accordance with ch. NR 150, Wis. Adm. Code, coverage under a WPDES general permit is a type IV action and does not require completion of an Environmental Assessment. An Environmental Assessment has previously been certified for the issuance of the Large Dairy CAFO WPDES General Permit.

Permit Drafter: Robert Rohland, DNR, Black River Service Center, 910 Hwy 54 East, Black River Falls, WI 54615, (715) 284-1429, robert.rohland@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 under subchapter II of ch. NR 203, Wis. Adm. Code, 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 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. If no comments are received on the proposed decision to grant coverage or the nutrient management plan from anyone, including U.S. EPA, permit coverage will be granted and the terms of the nutrient management plan will be incorporated into the general permit as proposed for this operation.

Pursuant to Section 2 of the General Permit and ch. NR 203, Wis. Adm. Code, 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 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) 284-1429 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, including the terms and conditions of the Large Dairy CAFO

WPDES General Permit, 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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