

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION
SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0057797-05-0

Permittee: Lauritzen Inc., N7246 Cty K, Waupaca, WI 54981

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Lauritzen Inc., NWQ NEQ SEC 11 T20N R11E, Town of Springwater, Waushara County, Wisconsin

Receiving Water and Location: Groundwater of the Pine and Willow Rivers Watershed (WR02), Wolf River Drainage Basin via spray irrigation in Waushara County

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: This facility is an on farm cucumber storage and processing operation. Approximately 110,000 bushels of cucumbers are preserved annually. In the past, this activity resulted in the discharge of approximately 1.4 million gallons per year of the combination of vat soak-water and vat yard storm-water to spray irrigation on agricultural fields. A significant portion of this discharge had been vat soak-water. Since the issuance of the last permit, all wood pickling vats have been replaced with fiberglass pickling vats. Soak-water is no longer discharged. This change has resulted in a lower chloride discharge (95% reduction) and a much lower volume of wastewater (80% reduction). In past years, 1.4 million gallons per year had been discharged. This volume has been reduced to 0.3 million gallons per year and is composed primarily of storm-water.

Flow monitoring only shall be retained in the permit. Pollutant monitoring for total kjeldahl nitrogen, chloride and biological oxygen demand has been eliminated. Even though data from monitoring wells indicates that the groundwater quality is much improved in recent years, groundwater monitoring shall continue for the same parameters and sample frequencies as in the prior permit. In addition, there are limits applicable for dissolved ammonia nitrogen due to a change in the groundwater code.

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

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 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, 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 (if required), and permit application, may be inspected and copied at the permit drafter's or 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) 662-5174 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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