

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: Mar-Bec Dairy, W962 Cty Rd NN, Mondovi, WI 54755

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Mar-Bec Dairy, NWQ Sec 28 T23N R11W, Town of Gilmanton, Buffalo County, Wisconsin

Receiving Water and Location: Surface water and groundwater within the Buffalo River Basin

Brief Facility Description: Mar-Bec Dairy is a currently permitted Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation (CAFO). Mar-Bec Dairy is owned and operated by Martin Hallock. It currently has 1730 mixed Animal Units (Dairy Cows, Heifers, Calves). Herd numbers may increase to approximately 2124 AU over the permit period. If a significant increase in numbers is proposed, additional manure storage MAY be required to maintain the required minimum of 180 days capacity. Mar-Bec Dairy has a total of 1200 acres available for land application of manure and process wastewater. Of this acreage, 400 acres are owned and 800 acres are rented.

The operation's current WPDES permit expires on December 31st, 2013, and the Department has proposed to cover Mar-Bec Dairy under the Large Dairy CAFO WPDES General Permit (WI-0063274-01).

The operation consists of the following sites and sample points:

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- R001A - Runoff Control System #1-Feed Storage Area
- S001A - Solid Manure Storage #1 - Stacking Slab
- S002A - Liquid Storage #1- 2000 Earthen Lagoon - 6 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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