

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES  
PUBLIC NOTICE OF INTENT TO REISSUE A WISCONSIN POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION  
SYSTEM (WPDES) PERMIT No.WI-0055131-07-0

Permittee: Northern Door Cherry Corporation, 2182 County Road ZZ, Sister Bay, WI 54234

Facility Where Discharge Occurs: Northern Door Cherry Corporation, 2790 Ahrens Road, Baileys Harbor

Receiving Water and Location: Groundwater of the Upper Door County Watershed (TK06) of the Twin-Door-Kewaunee Basin via spray irrigation in the Town of Baileys Harbor, Door County

Brief Facility Description and Summary of Proposed Changes: This facility processes red tart cherries. The processing facility typically only operates for one to three weeks during late July or early August and usually processes an average of 1.3 million pounds of cherries each season. Processing of the cherries involves cooling, de-stemming, pitting, sorting, and packaging in bulk containers for cold storage or shipment to buyers. This activity has historically produced a maximum of 64,000 gallons per day of process wastewater that is composed primarily of contact cooling water. The remainder of the wastewater comes from water conveyance systems for the cherries and cherry pits within the processing plant, and machine cleaning and sanitation processes. The wastewater is then sprayed onto 17 acres of agricultural land adjacent to the processing facility that is located in the SW ¼ of SW ¼ of Section 6 of T30N, R28E, in the Town of Baileys Harbor, Door County. The annual average volume of wastewater which is spray irrigated is approximately 45,000 gallons per day. Sanitary wastes are disposed to a septic tank and subsurface absorption field and therefore will not be regulated under this WPDES permit.

The permit has been changed to reflect an increase in monitoring frequency at the spray irrigation discharge from twice within the five year permit term to annually, adds an outfall to monitor the land application of by-product solids (pits, stems, skins) and adds two compliance schedule items to compel submittal of updated land treatment and land application management plans.

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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 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, permit 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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