



**Minnesota Pollution
Control Agency**

520 Lafayette Road North
St. Paul, MN 55155-4194

Public Notice of Intent to Modify

Coverage under the State of Minnesota
General Livestock Production Permit NPDES/SDS Permit
for a Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation
Permit Number MNG440000

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Facility Specific Information

Public comment period begins: May 21, 2012

Public comment period ends: June 20, 2012

Current coverage issued: February 1, 2011

Current permit expiration: January 31, 2016

Name and address of Permittee:

Jennie-O Turkey Store Inc.
2505 Willmar Avenue Southwest
Willmar Minnesota 56201

Facility name and location:

Jennie-O Turkey Store – Belgrade 1
22497 Farmcrest Road
Belgrade, Minnesota 56312
SW ¼, Section 20, T123N, R34W
Crow River Township, Stearns County, Minnesota

Jennie-O Turkey Store – Belgrade 2
41121 State Highway 55
Belgrade, Minnesota 56312
SW ¼, Section 21, T123N, R34W
Crow River Township, Stearns County, Minnesota

Jennie-O Turkey Store – Belgrade 3
40612 County Road 19
Belgrade, Minnesota 56312
NE ¼, Section 21, T123N, R34W
Crow River Township, Stearns County, Minnesota

Jennie-O Turkey Store – Ironside
27958 Ironside Road
Brooten, Minnesota 56316
SE ¼, Section 27, T124N, R35W
North Fork Township, Stearns County, Minnesota

Watershed/Basin: North Fork Crow River

Description of permitted facility:

The applicant has requested modification of an existing multi-site permit that currently provides coverage to three individual farms, Belgrade 1, Belgrade 2, and Belgrade 3. A new farm will be added to this multi-site permit, Ironside, bringing the total farms covered by this permit to four. All farms consist of total confinement barns with manure (litter) storage within the barn on an impervious floor. Manure is removed from the barns periodically and transferred to stockpiles within the crop fields intended for utilization of the nutrients. Specific changes to each of the four farms are identified below:

Belgrade 1 Farm

The modification proposed at this farm consists solely of a change in the number and age of birds housed within the existing buildings. The farm currently houses 60,000 turkeys under 5 lbs (300 animal units (AU)). The applicant is proposing to house 20,444 turkeys over 5 lbs (368 AU).

Belgrade 2 Farm

The modification proposed at this farm consists of construction of an addition to two of the existing barns and construction of a new turkey barn, as well as a change in the number and age of birds housed within the existing buildings. The farm currently houses 75,000 turkeys under 5 lbs (375 AU) and 33,000 turkeys over 5 lbs (594 AU) for a total of 969 AU. When the construction is complete the applicant is proposing to house 78,000 turkeys over 5 lbs (1,404 AU).

Belgrade 3 Farm

The modification proposed at this farm consists of construction of an addition to two of the existing barns as well as a change in the age of birds housed within the existing buildings. The farm currently houses 88,000 turkeys over 5 lbs (1,584 AU). The applicant is proposing to house the same number of turkeys, 88,000 turkeys over 5 lbs (1,584 AU), upon completion of the construction.

Ironside Farm

The modification at this site consists of construction of three total confinement barns. The farm currently is not an active production site as turkey barns currently do not exist at this farm. Upon completion of construction the farm will house 143,600 turkeys under 5 lbs (718 AU).

Preliminary Determination to Issue Coverage

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to modify coverage to this facility until the expiration of the General Livestock Production Permit on January 31, 2016.

If you have questions about the Commissioner's preliminary determination, please contact the staff person listed at the end of this notice.

A General Livestock Production Permit can be viewed at <http://www.pca.state.mn.us/hot/feedlot-forms.html#2011permit>.

Written Comments

You may submit written comments on the conditions of the Commissioner's preliminary determination.

Written comments must include the following:

1. A statement of your interest in the permit application or the preliminary determination.
2. A statement of the action you wish the MPCA to take.
3. The reasons supporting your position, stated with sufficient specificity as to allow the Commissioner to investigate the merits of your position.

Petition for Public Informational Meeting

You also may request that the MPCA Commissioner hold a public informational meeting. A public informational meeting is an informal meeting that the MPCA may hold to solicit public comment and statements on matters before the MPCA, and to help clarify and resolve issues.

A petition requesting a public informational meeting must include the following information:

1. A statement identifying the matter of concern.
2. The information required under items 1 through 3 of "Written Comments" identified above.
3. A statement of the reasons the MPCA should hold a public informational meeting.
4. The issues that you would like the MPCA to address at the public informational meeting.

Petition for Contested Case Hearing

You also may submit a petition for a contested case hearing. A contested case hearing is a formal evidentiary hearing before an administrative law judge. In accordance with Minn. R. 7000.1900, the MPCA will grant a petition to hold a contested case hearing if it finds that: (1) there is a material issue of fact in dispute concerning the application; (2) the MPCA has the jurisdiction to make a determination on the disputed material issue of fact; and (3) there is a reasonable basis underlying the disputed material issue of fact or facts such that the holding of the contested case hearing would allow the introduction of information that would aid the MPCA in resolving the disputed facts in making a final decision on the preliminary determination. A material issue of fact means a fact question, as distinguished from a policy question, whose resolution could have a direct bearing on a final MPCA decision.

A petition for a contested case hearing must include the following information:

1. A statement of reasons or proposed findings supporting the MPCA decision to hold a contested case hearing according to the criteria in Minn. R. 7000.1900, as discussed above.
2. A statement of the issues proposed to be addressed by a contested case hearing and the specific relief requested or resolution of the matter.

In addition and to the extent known, a petition for a contested case hearing should also include the following information:

1. A proposed list of prospective witnesses to be called, including experts, with a brief description of proposed testimony or summary of evidence to be presented at a contested case hearing.
2. A proposed list of publications, references, or studies to be introduced and relied upon at a contested case hearing.
3. An estimate of time required for you to present the matter at a contested case hearing.

MPCA Decision

You may submit a petition to the Commissioner requesting that the MPCA Citizens' Board (Board) consider the preliminary determination. To be considered timely, the petition must be received by the MPCA by 4:30 p.m. on the date the public comment period ends, identified on page 1 of this notice. Under the provisions of Minn. Stat. § 116.02, subd. 6(4), the decision whether to issue the permit coverage and, if so, under what terms will be presented to the Board for decision if: (1) the Commissioner grants the petition requesting the matter be presented to the Board; (2) one or more Board members request to hear the matter before the time the Commissioner makes a final decision on permit coverage; or (3) a timely request for a contested case hearing is pending. You may participate in the activities of the Board as provided in Minn. R. 7000.0650.

The written comments, requests, and petitions submitted on or before the last day of the public comment period will be considered in the final decision on permit coverage. If the MPCA does not receive written comments, requests, or petitions during the public comment period, the MPCA staff as authorized by the Board, will make the final decision on permit coverage.

Comments, petitions, and/or requests must be submitted in writing on or before the end date of the public comment period identified on page 1 of this notice to:

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