



**Minnesota Pollution
Control Agency**

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

Public Notice of Intent to Issue

**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 25, 2012

Public comment period ends: June 25, 2012

Current coverage issued: No Previous Coverage

Current permit expiration:

Name and address of Permittee:

Mr. Nick Holden
12346 Hall Avenue
Northfield, Minnesota 55057

Facility name and location:

Holden Farms Inc. - Dobbins Creek
25581 - 640th Avenue
Dexter, MN 55926
NW ¼, Section 16, T103N, R16W
Dexter Township, Mower County, Minnesota

Watershed/Basin: Cedar River Basin

Description of permitted facility:

The existing facility consists of 2,450 head of swine over 300 pounds, for a total of 980 animal units housed in total confinement barns. The facility is proposing to add a new total confinement barn and an additional farrowing room to the existing farrowing total confinement barn. The proposed expansion will add 96 head of swine over 300 pounds and 1,050 head of swine 55-300 pounds, for a total of 1,333.4 animal units of swine housed at the facility. Manure will be stored in the current and the proposed reinforced concrete beneath-the-barn pits until land applied according to a transfer of ownership of manure nutrient management plan. This is an issuance of NPDES/SDS Permit coverage to the facility.

Preliminary Determination to Issue Coverage

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to issue 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, 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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