



**Minnesota Pollution
Control Agency**

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

Public Notice of Intent to Issue

an Individual NPDES/SDS Permit for a
Concentrated Animal Feeding Operation
Permit Number MN0070327

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Facility Specific Information

Public comment period begins: August 27, 2012

Public comment period ends: September 26, 2012

Current coverage issued: NA – New Permit

Current permit expiration:

Name and address of Permittee:

Roger Talsma
293 - 50th Avenue
Chandler, Minnesota 56122

Facility name and location:

Roger Talsma Farm
293 - 50th Avenue
Chandler, Minnesota 56122
NE¼ of the NE¼ of Section 23, T105 N, R43 W
Moulton Township, Murray County, Minnesota

Watershed/Basin: Rock River

Description of permitted facility:

This Facility is currently registered for 700 head of beef finishing cattle (700 animal units), 550 head of swine between 55 and 300 pounds (165 animal units), and 100 head of swine under 55 pounds (5 animal units) for a total of 870 animal units. The beef cattle are housed in one existing total confinement mono-slope barn and the swine are housed in two existing total confinement barns. The Facility has proposed to expand by constructing one additional total confinement barn, with a reinforced poured concrete pit located beneath the proposed total confinement barn to house an additional 625 head of beef finishing cattle.

Following the proposed construction and expansion, the Facility will be permitted for 1,325 head of beef finishing cattle (1,325 animal units), 550 head of swine between 55 and 300 pounds (165 animal units), and 100 head of swine under 55 pounds (5 animal units) for a total of 1,495 animal units. The beef cattle will be housed in one existing total confinement mono-slope barn and one proposed total confinement barn. The swine will be housed in two existing total confinement barns. Solid manure generated by the beef cattle will be stored in a manure pack located within the total confinement mono-slope barn and in temporary manure stockpiles located in crop fields until land application. Liquid manure generated by the cattle will be stored in a proposed reinforced poured concrete pit located beneath the proposed total confinement cattle barn. Liquid manure generated by the swine will be stored in existing reinforced poured concrete pits located beneath the existing total confinement swine barns. Process wastewater generated as a result of precipitation on the feed storage area will be collected and managed in a proposed vegetated infiltration basin. All existing and proposed components at the Facility will be operated and maintained in accordance with the Permit.

The Facility has proposed to increase the permitted capacity by 625 animal units.

Preliminary Determination on the Draft Permit

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to issue this National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) / State Disposal System (SDS) Permit for a term of approximately five years.

A draft permit is available for review at the MPCA office listed below and on-line at
<http://www.pca.state.mn.us/news/data/index.cfm?PN=1>

A copy of the draft permit will be mailed to you if the MPCA receives your written or oral request (if applicable). If you have questions about this draft permit or the Commissioner's preliminary determination, please contact Brent Riess at 507-476-4268.

Written Comments

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

Written comments must include the following:

1. A statement of your interest in the permit application or the draft permit.
2. A statement of the action you wish the MPCA to take, including specific references to sections of the draft permit that you believe should be changed.
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 or draft permit; (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 draft permit. 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 permit issuance. 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 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 the permit; 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 this permit. 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 the draft permit.

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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