Public Notice of intent to issue
Feedlots
Permit MN0071447

General information

Public comment period begins: June 18, 2020
Public comment period ends: July 20, 2020 (4:30 p.m.)

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to issue this permit for a term of approximately five years.

Name and address of Permittee: Cyril & Deborah A. Felling
Felling Dairy LLC
35212 US Highway 71
Sauk Centre, MN 56376

Facility name and location:
Cyril Felling Farm 2
35212 U.S. Highway 71
Sauk Centre, MN 56376
Stearns County
T125N, R34W, Section 016

Cyril Felling Farm 1
35635 U.S. Highway 71
Sauk Centre, MN 56378
Stearns County
T125N, R34W, Section 015

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A draft permit and permit application are available for review on the MPCA Public Notices webpage at http://www.pca.state.mn.us/publicnotices. Additional materials relating to the issuance of this permit are available for inspection by appointment at any MPCA office (https://www.pca.state.mn.us/about-mpca/mpca-offices) between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. The MPCA will mail or email a copy of the draft permit upon request. Comments, petitions, and other requests must be received at the MPCA in writing on or before the public comment period end date and time identified above.

Watershed: Sauk River

Description of Felling Dairy LLC

The Cyril Felling Farm 1 has five total confinement barns, two partial confinement barns with open lots with runoff controls, one open lot without runoff controls, two feed storage areas, two earthen basins, one permanent manure stockpile pad, and one in-ground concrete tank for manure storage. Housing a total of 706 head of dairy cattle-over 1,000 lbs. (988.4 animal units [AU]).

Cyril Felling Farm 2 has one total confinement barn, two partial confinement barns with open lots with runoff controls, two permanent manure stockpile pads and earthen basin. Housing total of 485 head of dairy heifers (339.5 AU)

Total Animal units for both facilities is 1,327.9 AU.

Cyril Felling Farm 1 is proposing to construct additions on three total confinement barns, modifying the two confinement barns with open lots into total confinement and constructing an earthen basin. Expanding to 1400 head of Dairy Cattle-over 1,000 lbs. (1,960 AU)

Cyril Felling Farm 2 is expanding to 525 dairy heifers (367.5 AU).

Total animal units for both facilities is 2,326.8 AU.

The preliminary determination to issue this permit is tentative.

Procedure for public participation

As stated in Minn. R. chs. 7000 and 7001, there are three formal procedures for public participation in the MPCA's consideration of this matter. Interested persons may:

(1) Submit written comments on the permit application, the draft permit, and the preliminary determination to issue a permit.
(2) Petition the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting.
(3) Petition the MPCA to hold a contested case hearing.
Submitting written comments

To submit comments or petitions to the MPCA through the mail or email, you must state:

1. Your interest in the permit application, the draft permit, and the preliminary determination to issue a permit.
2. The action you wish the MPCA to take, including specific references to the section of the draft permit you believe should be changed.
3. The reasons supporting your position, stated with sufficient specificity as to allow the MPCA to investigate the merits of the position.

Public informational meeting

A public informational meeting is an informal meeting during which interested persons can ask questions concerning the proposed facility. MPCA staff will be present to provide information. If an interested person would like the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting, the person should include all information identified above and in addition include a statement of the reasons the person desires the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting and the issues that the person would like the agency to address at the public informational meeting.

Contested Case Hearing

A contested case hearing is a formal proceeding before an administrative law judge empowered to advise the MPCA regarding issues of fact. As described in Minn. R. 7000.1800, persons who submit petitions for a contested case hearing must also state the issues they propose to address in a contested case hearing, the specific relief requested or resolution of the matter, and the reasons (which may be in the form of proposed findings) supporting an MPCA decision to hold a contested case hearing. Failure to comply with these rules exactly may result in a denial of the request. To the extent known, the petitioner may also submit a list of prospective witnesses to be called at a hearing, a proposed list of publications, references, or studies to be introduced at a hearing and the approximate time required for the petitioner to present the matter at a hearing. The decision whether to hold a contested case hearing will be made under Minn. R. 7000.1900.