

General information

Public comment period begins: April 6, 2021
Public comment period ends: May 6, 2021 (4:30 p.m.)
Current permit issued: January 12, 2021
Current permit expiration date: January 11, 2026

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

Name and address of Permittee:	Facility name and location:	MPCA contact person:
Gar-Lin Dairy LLC 4329 130th Ave SE Eyota, Minnesota 55934-9092	Multi-Site - Gar-Lin Dairy - Site 1 4329 130th Ave SE Eyota, MN 55934-9092 Olmsted County T106N, R12W, Section 26 Multi-Site - Gar-Lin Dairy - Site 2 3407 125th Ave SE Eyota, MN 55934-9092 Olmsted County T106N, R12W, Section 23	Paul Brietzke Watershed Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 7381 Airport View Drive SW Rochester, MN 55902 Phone: 507-206-2616 Email: paul.brietzke@state.mn.us File manager phone: 651-757-2728 or 1-844-828-0942

This is a public notice to modify a manure management plan for an Animal Feedlot that currently has coverage under the State of Minnesota Individual Animal Feedlot National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. A copy of the manure management plan modification is available 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. 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: Mississippi River - Winona

Description of Gar-Lin Dairy LLC

Site 1: The existing facility consists of nine total confinement barns and one partial confinement barn. A total of 1,956 dairy cows over 1,000 pounds and 570 dairy calves are housed, which equals 2,852.4 animal units (AU). Two liquid manure storage areas, poured concrete tanks under roof. One milk house waste, poured concrete tank under roof. One composite lined, synthetic liner and constructed soils, open air liquid manure storage area. One concrete slab for recycled sand storage.

Site 2: The existing facility consists of one total confinement barn that house 80 dairy heifers which equals 56 AU. One outdoor poured concrete tanks. Two leachate collection system. Feed storage areas and one vegetative infiltration basin for feed storage area runoff. The combined total animal units for Sites 1 and 2 equal 2,908.4.

The proposal is to add additional land to their manure management plan. The land is located in section 20 of Eyota Township Olmsted County. T106N R12W Sec 20. This permitting action consists of a change to the manure management plan only. No changes to permitted facility components are authorized.

The preliminary determination to modify this Feedlots 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 and the preliminary determination to issue coverage under a general permit.
- (2) Petition the MPCA to hold a public informational meeting.
- (3) Petition the MPCA to hold a contested case hearing.

Only the portions of the permit coverage that are proposed to be modified are open for comment and petition.

Submitting written comments

The terms and conditions of the general permit are not open for public comment. The permit application, the eligibility for coverage under the general permit, and the ability to comply with requirements of the general permit are open for public comment.

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

- (1) Your interest in the permit application or the preliminary determination to issue coverage under a general permit.
- (2) The action you wish the MPCA or Permittee to take, including specific references to the application materials 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.