Public Notice of intent to issue

Feedlots

MN0071579

General information

Public comment period begins: September 18, 2020
Public comment period ends: October 19, 2020 (4:30 p.m.)
Current permit issued: N/A
Current permit expiration date: N/A

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

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Facility name and location: Blue Horizon Farm 2
8021 50th Ave NE
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Olmsted County
T108N, R13W, Section 33

Watershed: Mississippi River - Winona

Description of Blue Horizon Farm 2
The existing facility consists of four total confinement barns. Livestock housed in the barns are: 240 dairy heifers, 140 slaughter steer/heifer, stock cow or bull, and 140 feeder cattle – stocker/background/heifer. The total animal units (AU) equals 406. There is no proposed expansion of animals. The facility also contains a small liquid manure storage area that will be closed. Blue Horizon Farm 2 has proposed to build a composite lined, concrete and constructed soils, liquid manure storage area. Total useable capacity is approximately 1.02 million gallons. Manure will be applied on land managed by Blue Horizon Farms.

The preliminary determination to issue this Feedlot 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.

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

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 application materials or 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.