Public Notice of Intent to Modify
Feedlots
Permit MNG440498

General information

Public comment period begins: November 14, 2018
Public comment period ends: December 14, 2018 (4:30 p.m.)
Current permit issued: June 12, 2017
Current permit expiration date: January 31, 2021

The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Commissioner has made a preliminary determination to modify this permit for a term that remains unchanged.

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Watershed: Pomme De Terre River

Description of permitted activity:

This is a public notice of Intent to Modify coverage under the State of Minnesota General Animal Feedlot National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit. A copy of this General Permit is available for review on the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) webpage https://www.pca.state.mn.us/quick-links/feedlot-program or at the MPCA office address listed under the MPCA contact person. A copy of the permit application is also available for review at the same MPCA office. The MPCA will mail or email a copy of the permit and permit application 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.

The existing facility consists of total confinement barns for housing 7,141 mature dairy cows over 1,000 pounds, for a total of 9,997.4 animal units. The facility includes an anaerobic digester for processing manure from the total confinement barns. Separated solid manure is stored on a permanent manure stockpile or inside a solid manure storage building. Liquid manure and surface runoff from the permanent stockpile and the facility’s feed storage area are stored in earthen lined liquid manure storage areas with synthetic covers. Manure is applied to cropland operated by the Permittee or transferred to local crop farmers.

The Permittee is proposing to increase the animal holding capacity of the existing, previously approved total confinement barns by housing an additional 714 mature dairy cows over 1,000 pounds, or 999.6 animal units. No further changes are proposed to the facility’s existing manure storage capacity. The final animal holding capacity of the facility will be 7,855 mature dairy cows over 1,000 pounds, or 10,997 animal units.

The preliminary determination to modify 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 preliminary determination to modify coverage under a general permit or the permit application materials.
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 preliminary determination to modify coverage under a general permit or the permit application materials.
2. The action you wish the MPCA 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.