Public Notice of intent to modify  
Feedlots  
Permit MNG440645

General information

Public comment period begins: June 18, 2020  
Public comment period ends: July 20, 2020 (4:30 p.m.)  
Current permit issued: March 15, 2016  
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 of approximately six months.

Name and address of Permittee:  
Center Creek Pork Inc  
1275 Highway 15 South  
Fairmont, MN 56031-4461

Facility name and location:  
Center Creek Pork Inc - Sec 7  
2529 180th St.  
Granada, MN 56039  
T103N, R29W, Section 007

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Watershed: Blue Earth River

Description of Center Creek Pork Inc – Sec 7

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](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 facility is currently covered under a General NPDES Permit. The existing facility consists of four total confinement barns with a below the barn reinforced concrete liquid manure storage area (LMSA) and currently houses 4,800 head of swine over 300 pounds, or 1,920 animal units (AU); additionally, the facility has one existing mortality compost building with a reinforced concrete floor. The facility proposes to construct one total confinement barn with a below the barn reinforced concrete LMSA. The proposed total confinement barn will house 4,500 head of swine under 55 pounds, or 225 AU. Following the proposed construction activity, the facility will house a total 4,800 head of swine over 300 pounds and 4,500 head of swine under 55 pounds or 2,145 AU.

The preliminary determination to modify 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 draft 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 or the draft 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.