

## General information

**Public comment period begins:** January 31, 2018

**Public comment period ends:** 4:30 p.m. on March 2, 2018

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

**Name and address of Permittee:**

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**Facility name and location:**

Pietsch-Davis Pork  
TBD 830<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Madelia, MN 56062  
Watsonwan County  
T106N, R30W, Section 14

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**Watershed:** Watsonwan River

## Description of Pietsch-Davis Pork

This is a public notice of Intent to Issue 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 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.

This is proposed construction of a new facility that will consist of 3,300 head of swine between 55 and 300 pounds for a total of 990 animal units (AU) to be housed in a proposed total confinement barn. Manure generated at the facility will be stored in a poured concrete pit located beneath the total confinement barn. This will be an issuance of the current NPDES General Permit that includes the proposed construction and expansion.

The facility will increase animal unit capacity by 990 AU.

The preliminary determination to issue 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 issue coverage under a general permit, the application materials, or 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 preliminary determination to issue coverage under the general permit, the application materials, or the draft 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.