Public Notice of intent to issue

Feedlots
Permit MNG442085

General information

Public comment period begins: June 15, 2020
Public comment period ends: July 15, 2020 (4:30 p.m.)
Current permit issued: N/A New Permit
Current permit expiration date: N/A New Permit

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

Name and address of Permittee: Jeremy and Jill Van Ede
13265 County Highway 35
Adrian, MN 56110-3207

Facility name and location: Van Ede Site
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Watershed: Rock River

Description of Van Ede Site

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/water/npdes-and-sds-permits. Copies of the permit application and any additional materials relating to the issuance of this permit are available for inspection 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. The MPCA will mail or email a copy of the General permit, permit application, and any supporting documentation 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 registered for 2,400 head of swine between 55 and 300 pounds for a total of 720 animal units (AU) housed in one existing total confinement barn with an existing poured concrete pit below. The facility has proposed to expand by constructing an additional total confinement barn with below barn poured concrete pit capable of holding 2,400 head of swine between 55 and 300 pounds. The proposed expansion will result in an increased capacity by 720 AU.

Following the proposed construction and expansion, the facility will be permitted for 4,800 head of swine between 55 and 300 pounds for a total of 1,440 AU to be housed in two total confinement barns. Manure generated at the facility will be stored in poured concrete pits located beneath the total confinement barns. This will be an issuance of the current NPDES General Permit that includes the proposed construction and expansion.

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 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

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

1. Your interest in the permit application and the preliminary determination to issue coverage under a general permit.
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.