

General information

Public comment period begins: September 25, 2020
Public comment period ends: October 26, 2020 (4:30 p.m.)
Current permit issued: February 1, 2016
Current permit expiration date: January 31, 2021

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

Name and address of Permittee:

Stratmoen Hog Finishing Inc.
3500 150th St
Boyd, MN 56218

Facility name and location:

Stratmoen Hog Finishing Inc.
1514 345th Ave
Boyd, MN 56218
Lac Qui Parle County
T116N, R42W, Section 005

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Watershed: Lac Qui Parle River

Description of permitted facility

This is a public notice of intent to issue coverage under the State of Minnesota General Animal Feedlot State Disposal System (SDS) 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 permittee is currently operating the facility under a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit, and is permitted for 4,800 head of swine 55-300 lbs. (1440 AU). The animals are housed in four total confinement barns with below barn concrete pits. The permittee is requesting to switch coverage from a NPDES permit to a State Disposal System (SDS) permit. There will be no increase in animal units or construction at the facility.

The preliminary determination to issue this Feedlots 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.

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.