

## General information

**Public comment period begins:** March 22, 2024

**Public comment period ends:** April 22, 2024

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:**

Gary Slater  
17606 Fellows Ave  
Rushmore, MN 56168-5211

**Facility name and location:**

Gary Slater Farm - Sec 12  
17606 Fellows Ave  
Rushmore, MN 56168-5211  
Nobles County  
T103N, R42W, Section 12

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844-828-0942

A draft permit is available for review on the MPCA Public Notices webpage at <https://www.pca.state.mn.us/get-engaged/public-comments>. 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/contact-us>) 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 draft permit 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 U.S. Mail comments must be received by 4:30 p.m.

**Watershed:** Rock River

## Description of Permitted Facility

The facility will house 1,800 head of swine and 1,200 head of cattle in total confinement barns. Liquid manure generated by the animals will be stored within concrete lined storage structures. Solid manure generated by the animals will be stockpiled on land application fields. Manure generated at the facility will be applied to surrounding cropland at agronomic rates.

This permitting action includes expansion of an existing feed pad, construction of an additional feed pad, construction of vegetative infiltration basin to provide treatment of runoff from both existing and proposed feed pad areas and proposed construction of an animal holding area. The animal unit (AU) capacity will be increased from 990 AU to a final total of 1,200 AU.

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 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

Comments may be submitted:

- 1) Online at <https://mpca.commentinput.com/comment/search>; or
- 2) By U.S. postal mail to the following address:

Josh Kircher  
Minnesota Pollution Control Agency  
504 Fairgrounds Rd, Ste 200  
Marshall, MN 56258

Submitted comments or petitions 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.