

General information

Public comment period begins: August 1, 2024
Public comment period ends: September 3, 2024
Current permit issued: February 1, 2019
Current permit expiration date: January 31, 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:	Facility name and location:	MPCA contact person:
Tioga Dairy LLC 3328 County Road 30 SW Waverly, MN 55390-8414	Tioga Dairy LLC 3328 County Road 30 SW Waverly, MN 55350 Wright County T118N, R26W, Section 16	Dana Leibfried Watershed Division Minnesota Pollution Control Agency 504 Fairgrounds Rd, Ste 200 Marshall, MN 56258 Phone: 507-421-7648 Email: dana.leibfried@state.mn.us
		File manager phone: 651-757-2728 or 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: North Fork Crow River

Description of Tioga Dairy LLC

The facility will house 2,367 head of dairy in total confinement barns. Liquid manure generated by the animals will be stored within earthen and concrete lined storage structures. Solid manure generated by the animals will be stockpiled at the facility and stockpiled with land application fields. Process wastewater and manure contaminated runoff from the facility will be stored within lined structures and treated via vegetation. Manure generated at the facility will be applied to surrounding cropland at agronomic rates.

This permitting action includes proposed construction of animal holding areas and liquid manure storage areas at the facility. The animal unit (AU) capacity will be increased from 2,177.7 AU to a final total of 2,725.8 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:

Dana Leibfried
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.