

PUBLIC NOTICE

DRAFT Indirect Discharge Permit Amendment ID-9-0288-1

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD August 15, 2016 – August 24, 2016

PERMITTEE INFORMATION

PERMITTEE NAME AND ADDRESS: Franklin Foods, Inc.
P.O. Box 486
Enosburg Falls, VT 05450

PERMIT NUMBER: ID-9-0288-1
PIN: EJ93-0011

DISCHARGE INFORMATION

TYPE OF WASTE: Dissolved Air Flotation (DAF) Wastewater
DISPOSAL LIMITS: 16,000 gallons per week between two farms
DISPOSAL LOCATION: Riverview Farm's Anaerobic Digester
Franklin, Vermont
DRAINAGE BASIN: Missisquoi River
EXPIRATION DATE: March 31, 2021

DESCRIPTION

This is a draft indirect discharge permit amendment which the Department of Environmental Conservation proposes to issue to Franklin Foods, Inc. for the disposal of dissolved air flotation (DAF) wastewater from the Franklin Foods cheese production facility to the Riverview Farm's anaerobic digester located in Franklin, Vermont. The permittee is currently authorized to disposal of DAF wastewater to another anaerobic digester. The resulting digestate is to be managed in accordance with the Vermont Agency of Agriculture's Accepted Agricultural Practices.

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TENTATIVE DETERMINATIONS

Tentative determinations regarding effluent limitations and other conditions to be imposed on the pending Vermont permit have been made by the State of Vermont Agency of Natural Resources (VANR). The limitations imposed will assure that the Vermont Water Quality Standards and applicable provisions of 10 V.S.A. Chapter 47 will be met.

FURTHER INFORMATION

The complete application, draft permit, and other information are on file and may be inspected at the VANR office in Montpelier, Vermont. The draft permit may be viewed and downloaded from our website at <http://dec.vermont.gov/water/public-notices/draft-permits>. Copies, obtained by calling (802) 505-0972 will be made at a cost of 10 cents per page from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.

PUBLIC COMMENTS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

Public comments to the proposed permit are invited and should be submitted in writing prior to **4:30 p.m. August 24, 2016** to the Agency of Natural Resources, Department of Environmental Conservation, 1 National Life Drive - Main 2, Montpelier, VT 05620-3521. Any person, prior to such date, may submit a request in writing to this office for an informal public hearing to consider the proposed permit. A hearing will be held only if response to this notice indicates significant public interest. The permit number (**ID-9-0288-1**) should appear next to the VANR address on the envelope and on the first page of any submitted comments. All comments received prior to the above date will be considered in formulation of the final determinations.

Comments may also be submitted by e-mail to ANR.DWGWPDraftPermitComments@vermont.gov. Be sure to include the permit number, **ID-9-0288-1**, in the subject line of the e-mail message and submit the comments by **4:30 p.m. August 24, 2016**.

FINAL/ACTION APPEAL

At the conclusion of the public notice period and after consideration of additional information received during the public notice period, the VANR will make a final determination to issue or to deny the permit. Pursuant to 10 V.S.A. Chapter 220, any appeal of this decision must be filed with the clerk of the Environmental Court within 30 days of the date of the decision. The appellant must attach the applicable filing fee to the Notice of Appeal, made payable to the State of Vermont.

The Notice of Appeal must specify the parties making the appeal and the statutory provision under which each party claims party status; must designate the act or decision appealed from; must name the Environmental Court; and must be signed by the appellant or their attorney. In addition, the appeal must give the address or location and description of the property, project or facility with which the appeal is concerned and the name of the applicant or any permit involved in the appeal.

The appellant must also serve a copy of the Notice of Appeal in accordance with Rule 5(b)(4)(B) of the Vermont Rules for Environmental Court Proceedings.

For further information, see the Vermont Rules for Environmental Court Proceedings, available online at www.vermontjudiciary.org. The address for the Court is Vermont Superior Court – Environmental Division, 32 Cherry Street, Suite 303, Burlington, VT 05401 (Tel. # 802-951-1740).

Commissioner
Department of Environmental Conservation