

KANSAS DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

NOTICE OF HEARING

FOR MONARCH SOW FARM

The Kansas Department of Health and Environment has prepared a proposed Kansas Water Pollution Control Permit, A-NENO-S024 for Perdue Premium Meat Company Inc. - Monarch Sow Farm, located in Savonburg, Kansas.

This is a new permit for the construction and operation of a confined feeding facility for 1,600 head (640 animal units) of swine weighing more than 55 pounds and 3,300 head (330 animal units) of swine weighing 55 pounds or less, for a total capacity of 970 animal units. The proposed facility will consist of five swine buildings, a manure storage building, and a mortality compost building. The facility will be located in the Northeast Quarter of Section 3, Township 27 South, Range 21 East in Neosho County, Kansas. A notice in the Kansas Register dated December 2, 2021, informed the public of the availability of the proposed water pollution control permit for the Monarch Sow Farm.

Copies of the permit application, the proposed KDHE permit, and other pertinent documents may be viewed in person at the Topeka Central office by scheduling an appointment, or copies requested by writing to: Kansas Department of Health and Environment, Livestock Waste Management Section, 1000 SW Jackson St., Suite 430, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1367 or via telephone: (785) 296-6432 or FAX (785) 559-4258. Appropriate copying charges will be assessed for each request.

A person may request a virtual public hearing be held on the proposed permit. The request for a public hearing shall be in writing and set forth the basis for the request. The written request must be submitted to Paige Drury, Section Chief, Livestock Waste Management Section, KDHE BEFS, 1000 SW Jackson, Suite 430, Topeka, KS 66612-1367, or email kdhe.feedlots@ks.gov and received no later than **5:00pm** on **January 3, 2022** in order for the Secretary of Health and Environment to consider the request. If no written requests are received, a public hearing will not be held.

In the event a written request for a public hearing is received during the public comment period, a public hearing has been scheduled in conformance with Kansas Administrative Regulation 28-16-61.

A tentative public hearing on the Monarch Sow Farm proposed permit has been scheduled:

Date: Wednesday, January 5, 2022

Time: 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm Central Standard Time

Location: Virtual (details below)

Due to concerns regarding COVID-19, the public hearing will be held on-line via Zoom. Documents and content related to the permit application, along with instructions and a link to register to attend the on-line public hearing is available at the Kansas Department of Health and Environment - BEFS Livestock Waste Management Section webpage at <https://www.kdheks.gov/feedlots/index.html> Persons wishing to attend the on-line hearing must register at least 12 hours before the start of the hearing.

The purpose of the public hearing is to inform the public, stakeholders, and regulated community about the proposed Water Pollution Control Permit. The hearing will consist of outlining the proposed facility and proposed permit, then the hearing will be open for public comment. Those attending virtually will be provided an opportunity to speak and provide oral comments on the proposed permit if they wish.

Any individual with a disability may request accommodation in order to participate in the public hearing process and may request the provided documents in an accessible format. Requests for accommodation to participate in the hearing should be made at least five working days in advance of the hearing by contacting KDHE.

Questions, or written comments should be directed to the BEFS-Livestock Waste Management Section of KDHE at: 1000 SW Jackson St., Suite 430, Topeka, Kansas 66612-1367; by email: kdhe.feedlots@ks.gov; by telephone: 785-296-6432.

Individuals are also encouraged to participate during the public comment period by submitting written comments by email, postal mail, or fax to the addresses specified on this notice before the close of the public comment period that will conclude January 1, 2022, or at the end of the public hearing on January 5, 2022 if held.

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