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# DNR grants petition for modification of Kinnard Farms WPDES permit

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MADISON -- The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources today granted a petition filed by Kinnard Farms of Kewaunee County regarding the modification of the farm's Wisconsin Pollutant Discharge Elimination System permit.

Today's action includes approval of an onsite groundwater monitoring plan for Kinnard Farms as ordered in an Administrative Law Judge's decision issued last October.

However, the DNR is not able to comply with two of the orders in that decision as explained in a statement from DNR Secretary Cathy Stepp.

"We realize areas in the northeastern part of the state are experiencing some water quality challenges and we at the DNR are doing what is within the confines of current law to address the situation.

In regards to the Administrative Law Judge's findings concerning Kinnard Farms in Kewaunee County, we have approved an onsite groundwater monitoring plan in granting this petition along with strengthened liquid waste storage plans and production area discharge limitations as outlined in the judge's findings.

However, the state Department of Justice has clarified that we cannot legally set a maximum number of

animal units for Kinnard Farms or require an offsite groundwater monitoring system. As advised by DOJ, it would be a violation of state law."

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