



# DNREC – Groundwater Discharges

## LEGAL NOTICE

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### PUBLIC HEARING

This virtual public hearing will be held on **Thursday, May 21, 2020**, beginning at 6:00 PM.

#### Virtual Meeting Information

A web link to the virtual meeting will be posted on the DNREC Public Hearings site at <https://de.gov/dnrehearings>. To access the audio-only portion of the virtual hearing, dial in at 1-408-418-9388 and enter event code 716 374 068. If prompted for a password, please use WaterMtairePermi.

#### Construction Permit

Mountaire Farms of Delaware Inc. has applied for a State of Delaware Construction Permit for significant upgrades of the existing wastewater treatment facility at the Millsboro, Delaware poultry processing complex in order to provide enhanced wastewater effluent treatment capabilities. The proposed upgrades will allow the wastewater treatment system to treat wastewater to a total nitrogen concentration of 10 mg/L or less. The proposed wastewater treatment system upgrade project includes the installation of improvements to the activated sludge biological nitrogen removal (BNR) treatment system components. The project also includes the installation of a new tertiary sand filtration system for final effluent polishing and a new stormwater first flush/off-spec lagoon. A new screw press sludge dewatering system will be installed to increase waste activated sludge handling capacity. The existing spray storage lagoon will continue to be used for final effluent storage prior to disposal in the existing spray irrigation fields. A new spray storage lagoon will be installed to expand the final effluent storage volume.

#### Spray Irrigation Permit

Mountaire Farms of Delaware Inc. has applied to modify and renew their State of Delaware Spray Irrigation Operations Permit for Mountaire's wastewater treatment facility to receive and treat poultry processing wastewater, stormwater, and sanitary waste. After the completion of construction upgrades, the wastewater treatment facility will discharge treated wastewater effluent with a total nitrogen concentration of 10 mg/L or less. The effluent will be spray irrigated onto approximately 893.63 acres. Seven center pivot spray irrigation systems are located north of State Route #24 and are designated as WHBJ Systems Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7. In addition, six center pivot spray irrigation systems are located south of Route #24 and are designated as Center Block Systems Nos. 3, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3DE, and 3DV.

For additional information on the above matters, and to review the application, associated documents, and draft permits online, visit [de.gov/dnrehearings](https://de.gov/dnrehearings) or contact John Rebar, Jr., Division of Water, Groundwater Discharges Section, 89 Kings Highway, Dover, DE, 19901; by phone at 302-739-9948; or, by email, at [John.Rebar@delaware.gov](mailto:John.Rebar@delaware.gov).

Please note that live comments will not be accepted during the virtual hearing. Written comments may be submitted to the Hearing Officer via the online comment form at <https://dnrec.alpha.delaware.gov/publichearings/comment-form/>, via email to [DNRECHearingComments@delaware.gov](mailto:DNRECHearingComments@delaware.gov), or via USPS to the below address. The Department will accept public comment through the close of business on Monday, June 22, 2020.

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