

RLIA Suggestion for Odor Reporting for Daybreak Foods, Inc.

Daybreak Foods, Inc. Wisconsin Cage Free, formerly known as Creekwood, expanded and modernized their local egg production operation in 2019. This facility is located on Crossman Road south of County Highway A just south of Lake Mills. During the air permitting process for this facility, local residents expressed their concerns about odors emitting from their current operation. When the winds are blowing from the south, these odors have also carried over Rock Lake.

Management of Daybreak Foods, Inc. has invested in a variety of new measures to mitigate the release of odors at their new facility. One of the conditions of their new DNR air permit requires they maintain a 24-hour contact method for reporting of odors, keep a record of odor reports, and record a result of their investigation.

If you notice any odors that may be originating from the Daybreak facility (not fish or algae odors) while enjoying Rock Lake or its surroundings, please send an email to:

creekwood@daybreakfoods.com and

lucas.jewell@wisconsin.gov

In the email, it is most helpful if you can let them know:

- 1) **Nature** – what did it *smell* like
- 2) **Location** - *where* you were when you smelled this odor (nearest road or landmark), and *direction* of wind
- 3) **Time** - *date* and *time* when you smelled this odor, and how long did it last
- 4) **Intensity** - on a scale of 1 to 5 with 5 being the highest, the *strength* of the odor

Tracking odor observations in this way can help the facility analyze the odor trends with more specificity, and potentially modify operations accordingly. It is also a good way to help them figure out what adjustments they may be making are or are not working.

Additional Background on Lake Odors Excerpted from the 2018 Rock Lake Management Plan

“The area surrounding Rock Lake and Lake Mills is agriculture. Animal farms in the area include dairy, hog, and chicken farms. As such, there will be agricultural odors of one sort or another from time to time. Larger farms tend to spread their livestock manure on agricultural land in the Spring and Fall when the land is free of crops. Therefore, there will be more agricultural odors during those times. Other than some farms that compost the manure and sell it to areas outside of the Lake Mills area, there are not economical alternatives for farms to handle the manure differently. Please also see the section on Nonpoint Source Pollution which explains nutrient management plan standards that are required for manure spreading.”