

Hello Heather,

I hope you are doing well. I hope you can bring me up to date regarding CAFO NPDES permits, specifically whether permitted dairies have installed groundwater monitoring wells.

Here is what I know.

1. On 12/1/2024 I sent a public records request:

Dear WA Ecology, I request copies of maps and documents that describe locations of groundwater monitoring wells plus monitoring well results for: 1. J&K Dairy 7030 E Edison Rd Sunnyside, WA 98944 AGID 9659 or 2086 2. Six S Dairy 148 Webster Rd, Sunnyside, WA 98944 3. Skyridge Dairy/Western Valley Dairy 4701 Scoon Road, Sunnyside, WA 98944 AGID 31278 I did not find this data on Ecology's PARIS website. Thanks for your help. Jean Mendoza

On 12/31/2025 Ecology replied:

Good afternoon,

Washington State Department of Ecology does not collect groundwater data on well reports.

Our subject matter experts could not find any resource protection well reports within the date range of 1/1/2022 - 12/1/2024. They did find soil sampling well reports done on Skyridge Farms in 2010. Those records are now available to access on Ecology's Public Records Request Center

at: [https://ecologywa.govqa.us/WEBAPP/rs/\(S\(nked2ktmhkqxupghddch0bii\)\)/support/home.aspx](https://ecologywa.govqa.us/WEBAPP/rs/(S(nked2ktmhkqxupghddch0bii))/support/home.aspx).

2. When I search Ecology's Well Log Data Base I find:

a. Dan DeGroot Skyridge Farms

- Well Tag ID: AGP738 – 830 feet – 2002
- Well Tag ID: AFN494 – 880 feet – 2001
- Well Tag ID: APT471 – 345 feet – 2007
- Well Tag ID: APT479 – 330 feet – 2011
- No monitoring wells

b. Jason Sheehan, Tony Veiga J&K Dairy

- Well Tag ID: BIV770 – 510 feet – 2018
- Well Tag ID: BBH042 – 345 feet – 2009
- No well tag – 495 feet – 1990
- No well tag – 138 feet – 1986
- No well tag – 650 feet – 1991
- No well tag – 138 feet - 1987
- Well Tag ID: AKA066 – 225 feet – 2005
- No well tag – 830 feet – 1994
- No well tag – 860 feet – 1995
- No monitoring wells

c. Jacob Veldhuis, Klompe Frieslandia Dairy, Veldhuis Dairies

- Well Tag ID: AHK156 – 114 feet – 2002
- Well Tag ID: BIV775 – 1`5 – 2018
- No well tag – 219 feet – 1989
- Well Tag ID: AFH355 – 125 feet – 2000
- Well Tag ID: BBJ822 – 218 feet – 2012
- Well Tag ID: BIV768 – 282 feet – 2018
- No monitoring wells

3. When I search Ecology’s PARIS Data Base I find:

a. J&K Dairy

- No mention of monitoring wells in the 2024 Annual Report
- 2024 Inspection Report says, “You are regularly testing your monitoring wells as per your CAFO permit requirement”

b. Klompe Dairy

- Work Plan dated July 9, 2025 says,” The groundwater quality monitoring network required by Permit Special Condition S5.D will be installed as described in the Groundwater Monitoring Installation Work Plan. A minimum of three (3) groundwater monitoring wells will be installed at the Facility as part of the groundwater monitoring network.” And “Well tag numbers, well coordinates in latitude and longitude surveyed to the World Geodetic System 1984 (WGS84) datum, and well top-of-casing elevations surveyed to the North American Vertical Datum 1988 (NAVD88) for each groundwater monitoring well will be reported to Ecology. Surveying will be conducted by a Washington State Professional Land Surveyor.”

- A Manure Pollution Prevention Plan dated September 11, 2023 does not address groundwater monitoring wells.
- There is no documentation to show that monitoring wells have been drilled.

c. Skyridge Dairy/Western Valley Farms

- A 2024 Annual Report does not mention groundwater monitoring wells.
- There is no mention of groundwater monitoring wells in a 2024 Inspection Report.

Can you tell me whether Yakima Dairies are drilling monitoring wells, and especially where to find well logs for the monitoring wells referenced in the 2024 Inspection Report for J&K Dairy?

Thanks so much.

Jean Mendoza