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## **Ohio Department of Agriculture Issues** **Final Permits for Dull Homestead, Inc**

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (Nov. 2, 2009) – The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) today issued a final Permit to Install (PTI) and final Permit to Operate (PTO) for Dull Homestead, Inc. located at 10404 National Road in Brookville, Ohio. The Montgomery County farm is in Clay Township, which is in the Lower Great Miami River Watershed.

The current design capacity of Dull Homestead, Inc is 4,495 swine weighing more than 55 pounds and 1,700 swine weighing less than 55 pounds. The swine are housed in nine buildings with manure storage provided in concrete pits below the buildings.

The Dull Homestead, Inc. final Permit to Install includes construction of a new cattle barn approximately 40 feet wide by 200 feet long that will have a design capacity for 100 steers. The solid manure storage (pen-pack) will be on the concrete slab of the barn to a depth of 24 inches, for a total increased manure storage capacity at this facility of 16,000 cubic feet. There will be an estimated 167 days worth of solid manure storage provided by the new cattle barn.

Dull Homestead, Inc. was issued a Permit to Operate for the entire farm. This PTO serves as the replacement of the original Review Compliance Certificate (RCC) that was issued to the farm on Nov. 27, 2004, and was valid for a period of five years. The Permit to Operate regulates operations with plans for manure management, insect and rodent control, mortality management and emergency response. The PTO is valid for five years, after which time the owner will be required to apply for renewal.

The Dull Homestead, Inc. final Permit to Install and final Permit to Operate can be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission (ERAC) at 309 South Fourth Street, Room 222, in Columbus, Ohio 43215. The appeal period ends at 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 3, 2009. A copy of the appeal must be served on the Director of Agriculture within three days after filing the appeal with ERAC.

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