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## **ODA Announces Open House and Public Meeting on Gill Livestock Farm's Draft Permits**

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (Oct. 30, 2009) – The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) will hold an open house and public meeting on the draft Permit to Install (PTI) and draft Permit to Operate (PTO) for Gill Livestock Farm. The open house and public meeting will be held on Dec. 2 at the Newport Fire Station, 6770 State Route 38 SW, in Newport. The open house will be held from 6:30 to 7:00 p.m. and the public meeting will begin at 7:00 p.m.

The department will provide an opportunity for oral or written comments concerning these draft permits at the public meeting. Written comments can also be delivered or mailed to the ODA Livestock Environmental Permitting Program, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068. These comments must be received by ODA no later than 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 9, which is five business days after the public meeting. Comments received after Dec. 9 will not be considered by the director before making a determination on the Gill Livestock Farm final Permit to Install and final Permit to Operate.

Copies of the draft permits may be reviewed and/or copies made at the ODA Livestock Environmental Permitting Program office. The permits can also be viewed at the Madison Soil and Water Conversation District Office, 831 U.S. Highway 42 NE, in London. Those interested should call the SWCD office at (740) 852-4004 and make an appointment. Written comments cannot be submitted to the Madison SWCD office.

Gill Livestock Farm is located in Union Township at 3180 Davis Road in London, Ohio. The Madison County farm is in the Deer Creek to the Lower Scioto River Watershed. It is owned and operated by Gill Integrated Livestock & Land Farm, LLC, with Tony Gill as sole member.

The farrowing facility has a current design capacity of 2,400 swine weighing 55 pounds or more and, upon completion of its proposed expansion, would have a design capacity of 3,200 swine. The permitting threshold for swine weighing 55 pounds or more is 2,500 head; therefore, this facility has applied for both a draft Permit to Install and a draft Permit to Operate from the department.

The draft Permit to Install is for a new addition to the existing farrowing barn that would be considered a Gilt Development Unit (GDU). This new addition, approximately 92 feet wide by 82 feet long, would have a design capacity of 800 swine.

The draft Permit to Operate regulates operations with plans for manure management, insect and rodent control, mortality management and emergency response. It would be valid for a five-year period, at which time the owner would be required to renew the operating permit.

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