

Ohio Department of Agriculture

**Hi-Q Egg Products, LLC
Draft Modified Permit to Install and Draft Modified Permit to Operate**

**Draft Modified Permit to Install 80-013-PTI-001
Draft Modified Permit to Operate 80-013-PTO-001**

PUBLIC NOTICE

Ohio Department of Agriculture
Livestock Environmental Permitting Program
8995 East Main Street
Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068
(614) 387-0470

Date of Issue of Public Notice: November 14, 2008

Name and address of facility: Hi-Q Egg Products, LLC; 22450 Davis Road; West Mansfield, Ohio 43358
Name and address of applicant: Hi-Q Egg Products, LLC; 22450 Davis Road; West Mansfield, Ohio 43358

Public notice is hereby given that 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 Hi-Q Egg Products, LLC. The open house and public meeting will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. on Dec. 17 at the Marysville High School, 800 Amrine Mill Road, in Marysville.

In accordance with rule 901:10-6-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code, the department will provide an opportunity for public comment concerning these draft permits. Oral comments can be made on the record at the public meeting. Written comments must be received by ODA no later than 5:00 p.m. on Dec. 23, which is five business days after the date of the public meeting. Comments must be delivered or mailed to ODA Livestock Environmental Permitting Program, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068. Comments received after Dec. 23 will not be considered by the director before making a determination on the final Permit to Install and final Permit to Operate.

Copies of the Hi-Q Egg Products, LLC draft permits can be viewed at the ODA Livestock Environmental Permitting Program offices in Reynoldsburg. The permits can also be viewed at the Union Soil and Water Conservation District Office (SWCD), 18000 St. Rt. 4, Suite B, Marysville, Ohio. Those interested should call the SWCD office at 937-642-5871 and make an appointment. Written comments cannot be submitted to the Union SWCD office.

Hi-Q Egg Products, LLC is proposing the construction of a new egg laying facility at 22450 Davis Road, West Mansfield, Ohio. The Union County farm would be in York Township, which is in the Upper Scioto Watershed. Hi-Q Egg Products, LLC is owner of the facility, with Jeffrey Henning and Steven George, both of Johnston, Iowa, listed as LLC members.

Public notice is hereby given that the Ohio Department of Agriculture has issued Hi-Q Egg Products, LLC a draft Permit to Install to construct 15 layer houses with 400,000 layers each, for a total design capacity of six million layers. These barns would be belt-battery systems with manure belts installed under each cage row that transfer the manure out of the housing barns and into separate manure storage barns. Three separate manure storage barns would be constructed to house the manure from the respective layer houses. Manure storage barn #1 (150 ft. wide by 795 ft. long) would store manure from 2.4 million layers and have a capacity of approximately 1,849,453 cubic feet of manure storage. Manure storage barn #2 (150 ft. wide by 525 ft. long) would store manure from approximately 1.6 million layers and have a capacity of approximately 1,215,874

cubic feet of manure storage. Manure storage barn #3 (150 ft. wide by 660 ft. long) would store manure from approximately two million layers and have a capacity of approximately 1,531,016 cubic feet of manure storage. Each of the proposed manure storage barns are considered to be fabricated structures by ODA rules and are required to have 120 days of manure storage capacity. Each of these structures would have approximately 282 days of manure storage available.

In addition to the solid manure storage structures, this draft PTI also includes the proposed installation of a lagoon treatment system for the eggwash and process wastewater generated at the facility. This system would consist of two treatment cells, each with a capacity of approximately 3,834,387 gallons. These cells would be aerated extensively and would serve primarily as treatment cells, with no manure storage accounted for in either. The third cell would provide secondary aeration treatment, but would also serve as the storage cell for the lagoon system. This cell would have a storage capacity of approximately 15,563,940 gallons. The predicted annual liquid manure production (including rainfall) is 23,500,747 gallons; therefore, the facility will have approximately 242 days of liquid storage. Such a manure storage and treatment system is required by ODA rules to have a minimum of 180 days of manure storage.

Public notice is hereby given that ODA has issued Hi-Q Egg Products, LLC a draft Permit to Operate for the entire farm. The PTO is drafted to regulate 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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