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**Ohio Department of Agriculture Issues**  
**Final Permits for Kremer Pullet Farm**

REYNOLDSBURG, Ohio (Oct. 7, 2010) – The Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) Tuesday issued a final Permit to Install (PTI) and a final Permit to Operate (PTO) for Kremer Pullet Farm located in Mercer County, Granville Township, which is in the Wabash River Watershed. House 1 is located at 5884 Kremer Hoying Road and House 2 is at 2341 U.S. 127, both in St. Henry. The farm is owned and operated by Donald Kremer.

The Kremer Pullet Farm final Permit to Install allows for construction of a new 53 foot by 100 foot manure storage building on the west side of House #2 that will have a design capacity for 42,400 cubic feet of manure, providing 540 days of storage. This barn will eliminate the stockpiling of manure since the pullet barns are cleaned out every 112 days between flocks regardless of weather.

The Kremer Pullet Farm final Permit to Operate is for the entire farm. It is drafted to regulate operations with plans for manure management, insect and rodent control, mortality management and emergency response. This permit is a renewal application for the PTO previously issued by the department in 2006, which was valid for five years. The PTO renewal is also valid for a five-year period, at which time the owner will be required to renew the operating permit.

The existing high-rise barns have a design capacity of 85,000 pullets in House #1 and 138,000 pullets in House #2 for a total design capacity of 223,000 pullets, which will remain the same under the new PTO. These pullets are brought in as day-old chicks and housed until roughly 16 weeks of age, and then shipped to a layer facility for egg production.

The Kremer Pullet Farm 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 p.m. on Nov. 8, 2010. 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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