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Roger and Lori Rader Farms **Draft Permit to Operate**

Roger and Lori Rader Farms is located in Hancock County, Pleasant Township, at 3141 TR 118, McComb, Ohio 45858. The facility is in the Cedar-Portage watershed and owned and operated by Roger and Lori Rader. This draft Permit to Operate (PTO) is a renewal application for the previously issued Permit to Operate which was valid for a period of 5 years.

This existing facility is composed of four buildings with a total combined design capacity of 4,000 swine weighing over 55 pounds, which will remain the same under this draft Permit to Operate.

A comprehensive Manure Management Plan is included in the draft Permit to Operate, which also outlines inspections and monitoring that must be completed by the facility. When fully stocked the farm generates approximately 1.5 million gallons of liquid manure annually, which is stored in concrete pits below the barns. The total capacity of the pits is 1.8 million gallons or about 423 days of storage. The liquid manure is applied to 557 acres of corn, wheat and soybeans grown on nearby farmland at agronomic rates to augment or replace commercial fertilizers.

An Insect and Rodent Control plan is also required in the PTO to minimize the presence and negative effects of insects and rodents.

A Mortality Management Plan is required for the disposal of dead livestock. Approved methods of disposal are burying, landfilling, burning, rendering and composting. This facility utilizes on-site mortality composting as their primary method of disposal. The composted material is land applied to nearby crop land to recycle nutrients.

An Emergency Response Plan is also required to ensure that accidents or emergencies are handled quickly and efficiently to maintain the safety of the environment, wildlife and water supplies and resources.

Finally, an Operating Record is contained in the draft PTO that includes all forms and information that must be maintained by the facility to show compliance with ODA's rules and the permit. These records include inspection of the manure storage structures, groundwater monitoring, manure characterization, land application, insect and rodent control, distribution and utilization of manure, and mortality management. These records are routinely inspected by the ODA to ensure compliance.

