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Sheldon Farms Draft Permit to Operate Renewal

General overview of the farm

Sheldon Farms is an existing swine facility located at 9612 Township Road 125, Kenton, Ohio, which is in Hardin County, Washington Township, situated in the Auglaize Watershed. The facility is owned and operated by Kurt, Amy, Gage and Weston Sheldon. The design capacity at the facility is 4,000 swine weighing 55 pounds or more housed in four barns. Each barn has concrete pits that provide between 266 and 332 days of storage each. This draft Permit to Operate is a renewal for the previously issued Permit to Operate, which was valid for a period of 5 years.

Overview of Draft Permit to Operate

Within the draft Permit to Operate (PTO), a complete Manure Management Plan is provided, which outlines inspections and monitoring that must be completed by the facility. The estimated manure production for the entire facility is about 2.2 million gallons annually. All of the liquid manure will be applied to 579 acres in a typical crop rotation including corn, soybeans, and wheat. The application of manure on these acres will recycle the organic nutrients and reduce the need to apply highly-soluble commercial synthetic fertilizers.

An Insect and Rodent Control Plan is included to minimize the presence and negative effects of insects and rodents. The plan includes methods to control flies, beetles and mice. The plan identifies requirements for regular inspections throughout the buildings for flies, as well as daily water leak inspections. The results of regular inspections are used to determine if the facility is required to perform treatment for insect or rodents based on the criteria set forth in the permit.

A Mortality Management Plan is required for disposal of dead livestock. Approved methods of disposal are burying, landfilling, burning, rendering and composting. Sheldon Farms will continue to use composting as the primary method of mortality disposal.

An Emergency Response Plan is required to ensure accidents or emergencies are handled quickly and efficiently to maintain the safety of the environment, wildlife and water supplies. In case of an emergency or accident, the names and phone numbers of contact personnel and equipment are listed in the permit.

Finally, an Operating Record is included that provides all forms and information that must be maintained by the facility to demonstrate compliance with ODA's rules and the permit. These records include inspection of the manure storage structures, manure characterization, land application, insect and rodent control, distribution and utilization of manure, and mortality management. The facility and these records are inspected by the Ohio Department of Agriculture to ensure compliance.

