

**Ohio Department of Agriculture  
Draft Permit to Install and Draft Permit to Operate**

**Draft Permit to Install 54-024-PTI-001  
Draft Permit to Operate 54-024-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: March 26, 2009

Name and address of owner:

James R. Wenning; 1500 Union City Road; Fort Recovery, OH 45846

Name and address of facility:

Wenning Poultry Farm; 1500 Union City Road; Fort Recovery, OH 45846

Public notice is hereby given that the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) is accepting comments on a draft Permit to Install (PTI) and draft Permit to Operate (PTO) for Wenning Poultry Farm located at 1500 Union City Road in Fort Recovery, Ohio. The Mercer County farm is in Gibson Township which is in the Upper Wabash Watershed. Owned by James R. Wenning at the same address, the farm is currently permitted as a Concentrated Animal Feeding Facility (CAFF) and has a housing capacity of 659,999 layers in five buildings.

In accordance with Ohio Administrative Code rule 901:10-6-01, any person may submit written comments on the draft permits and/or request a public meeting. Comments and requests for a public meeting must be in writing. Where there is significant public interest, the director will hold a public meeting. Written comments and/or public meeting requests must be received by the department no later than 5 p.m. on April 27, 2009. Comments and/or public meeting requests must be hand-delivered or mailed to the ODA Livestock Environmental Permitting Program (LEPP) at 8995 East Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068. Comments received after this date will not be considered by the director before issuing the final permits.

Copies of the draft Permit to Install and draft Permit to Operate for Wenning Poultry Farm may be reviewed or copies made at the ODA LEPP office. The permits can also be viewed at the Mercer Soil and Water Conservation District Office, 220 West Livingston, Suite 1, in Celina. Those interested should call the SWCD office at (419) 586-3289, and make an appointment. Written comments cannot be submitted to the Mercer SWCD office.

Public notice is hereby given that Wenning Poultry Farm's draft Permit to Install is to increase its design capacity to 1,241,308 laying hens by expanding the design capacity of barn 6 from 98,500 to 394,000 laying hens and remodeling barns 1 through 4, expanding their design capacity from 102,000 to 174,327 laying hens. The farm also plans to add a pullet barn with a design capacity of 125,000 pullets to stock their facility.

The expansion of the Wenning Poultry Farm has elevated their permit to a Major CAFF. With that classification, the permit applicant consulted with the local county and township officials to discuss if any infrastructure improvements would be necessary.

Public notice is hereby given that Wenning Poultry Farm has also completed a draft Permit to Operate (PTO) for the entire farm. This PTO includes the expansion of the facility and also serves as the replacement of the original Review Compliance Certificate (RCC) that was issued on Nov. 4, 2004, and valid for a period of five years. The PTO is drafted to regulate operations with plans for manure management, insect and rodent control, mortality management and emergency response. This Permit to Operate would also be valid for a five-year period, at which time the owner would be required to renew the operating permit.