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YNOT Draft Permit to Operate

YNOT is located in Madison County, Range Township, at 750 Counts Road in South Solon, Ohio. Owned and operated by Keuter Enterprises, LLP of Earlville, Iowa, the farm is in the Paint Watershed.

This draft Permit to Operate (PTO) is a renewal application for the PTO that was issued by the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) in 2004 and was valid for five years. The Permit to Operate would also be valid for a five-year period, at which time the owner would be required to apply for renewal.

This existing facility has three buildings with a total combined design capacity of 5,465 swine weighing over 55 lbs and 9,792 swine weighing less than 55 lbs. Liquid manure is stored in two lagoons with a combined storage capacity of 11.4 million gallons providing approximately 266 days of storage when the facility is fully stocked.

At the design capacity, this facility produces approximately 15 million gallons of liquid manure annually which is land applied to neighboring crop land to replace or augment commercial fertilizer requirements. Within this draft Permit to Operate, a complete Manure Management Plan is provided, which also outlines inspections and monitoring that must be completed by the facility.

An Insect and Rodent Control Plan is also required 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. YNOT utilizes on-site mortality composting as their primary method of disposal.

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 inspected by the department a minimum of twice annually.

