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Andreas Farms, INC.
Draft Permit to Operate

General Overview of the Farm

Andreas Farms, Inc. is located in Tuscarawas County, Auburn Township, at 446 Ragersville Road SW in Sugar Creek, Ohio. Andreas Farms, Inc. is owned by Andreas Farms, Inc. and operated by Daniel, Lois, and Matthew Andreas. The dairy is located in the Tuscarawas Watershed and has a current design capacity of 1,660 mature dairy cows. Manure storage at the facility consists of 13.4 million gallons of liquid manure storage and approximately 80,800 cubic feet of solid manure storage.

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 annual manure production for the facility is 24.6 million gallons of liquid manure from the cows and milking parlor. In addition, approximately 3,442 tons of solid manure will be generated annually. Andreas Farms, Inc. has approximately 2,012 acres of crop land available for the application of the manure to be used as a replacement for commercial, synthetic fertilizer.

An Insect and Rodent Control Plan is included to minimize the presence and negative effects of insects and rodents. The facility performs daily inspections throughout the facility for flies, and rodents. These inspection results 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. Andreas Farms will continue to utilize rendering as their method of mortality disposal for adult cows and composting for their young stock.

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.

Finally, an Operating Record is included that provides 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, 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.

