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PGC Chesterfield Hogs **Draft Permit to Operate**

General overview of the farm

PGC Chesterfield Hogs is an existing swine facility at 16300 County Road N, Wauseon, Ohio. The facility is located in Fulton County, Chesterfield Township, in the Tiffin River Watershed. The facility is owned and operated by Pettisville Grain Company of Pettisville, Ohio. The facility has two separate barns capable of housing 2,500 each, for a total design capacity of 5,000 head of swine. Any facility that houses 2,500 head or more of swine weighing over 55 lbs. is required to be permitted by ODA. The PTO would be valid for a period of 5 years, at which time it would need to be updated and renewed.

Each barn is constructed with an eight foot concrete pit under the housing barns that are capable of storing approximately 876,000 gallons of liquid manure each, providing over 365 days of storage. A mortality composting structure is also located at the site that is capable of storing approximately 90 tons of mortality compost, providing over 1,000 days of storage.

General overview of the draft Permit to Operate

Within the draft Permit to Operate (PTO), a manure management plan is provided which outlines different inspections and monitoring activities that must be completed. Approximately 1.5 million gallons of liquid manure and 30 tons of mortality compost material would be land applied annually. All of the compost material and approximately 23,000 gallons of the liquid manure will be land applied on approximately 53 acres that are controlled by the facility and will be under a corn/soybean rotation. The remaining 1.49 million gallons of liquid manure will be distributed to surrounding crop farmers as a replacement for commercial fertilizers. Over 600 acres are available to the facility to apply manure under distribution and utilization as set forth in ODA rules.

A detailed Insect and Rodent Control Plan is required to minimize the presence and negative effects of insects and rodents. The plan details which types of pests could potentially cause problems and how the facility will prevent those problems from occurring. The plan explains what preventative measures and treatments are available and how and when they might be employed. Details regarding the Insect and Rodent Control Plan can be found in the draft PTO.

A Mortality Management Plan is required for the disposal of dead livestock. Approved methods of disposal are burying, landfilling, burning, rendering and composting. PGC Chesterfield Hogs plans to continue to use mortality composting.

An Emergency Response Plan is required to ensure that emergencies are handled quickly and efficiently to maintain the safety of the environment, wildlife and water supplies and resources. The plan also identifies procedures to be followed during an emergency, such as a spill or



discharge, as well as contact information for those who would need to be notified in the event of an emergency.

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 document inspections of the manure storage structures, groundwater sampling, manure characterization, land application, insect and rodent control, distribution and utilization of manure, and mortality management. The facility and its records are regularly inspected by the ODA to ensure compliance.

