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Bridgewater Dairy, LLC
Draft Permit to Operate Renewal

General Overview of the Farm

Bridgewater Dairy, LLC is located in Williams County, Bridgewater Township, at 14894 Road 8.50 Montpelier, Ohio, in the St. Joseph Watershed. The facility is owned and operated by Bridgewater Dairy, LLC. The dairy has a design capacity for 3,900 mature dairy cows. There are six existing liquid manure storage structures with a combined capacity of 40.7 million gallons. This draft Permit to Operate is a renewal for the previously issued Permit to Operate which would be valid for 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 facility has about one year of storage for the 39.3 million gallons of manure generated annually. All manure will be land applied on roughly 4,036 acres of crop land to recycle nutrients as a replacement for commercial synthetic fertilizers. The planned crops for all the acreage include corn silage, corn grain, wheat, soybeans, and alfalfa/grass hay.

An Insect and Rodent Control Plan is included to minimize the presence and negative effects of insects and rodents.

A Mortality Management Plan is required for disposal of dead livestock. Approved methods of disposal are burying, landfilling, burning, rendering and composting. Bridgewater Dairy plans to continue to utilize composting as the primary method of 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.

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, 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.

