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Fraver Farms Draft Permit to Operate

General overview of the farm

The existing swine finishing facility known as “Fraver Farms” is located at 10218 West County Road 60, Fostoria, Ohio 44830. The facility is situated in Seneca County, in Loudon Township, which is in the Sandusky River Watershed. It is operated and owned by Dan Fraver. The facility consists of three existing finishing barns with a total design capacity of 4,000 swine weighing more than 55 lbs. The liquid manure is stored in concrete storage pits below the floors of the barns, which provide a total of about 1,690,448 gallons of storage or over one year’s worth of storage capacity. The draft Permit to Operate (PTO) will bring the existing facility into compliance with state law and does not propose any changes in animal numbers or manure storage structures.

General overview of the draft Permit to Operate

Within the draft PTO, a complete manure management plan is provided which outlines inspections and monitoring activities that must be completed. The estimated annual manure production of 1,200,000 gallons of liquid manure and about 12 tons of composted mortality material will be land applied each year under the control of the facility. Land application of manure will recycle nutrients on 620 acres of productive crop land as an organic alternative to commercial chemical fertilizers.

A detailed Insect and Rodent Control Plan is required to minimize the presence and negative effects of insects and rodents. 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. The facility will continue to use composting as the primary method for managing mortality losses.

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 document inspection 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 will be regularly inspected by the ODA to ensure compliance.

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