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Hatcher Farms **Draft Permit to Install and Draft Permit to Operate**

General overview of the farm

“Hatcher Farms” is the name of an existing swine finishing facility located at 995 Shafer Road, Bucyrus, Ohio 44820. The facility is situated in Crawford County, in Holmes Township, which is in the Sandusky River Watershed. It is owned and operated by Gary and Lynn Hatcher. The facility consists of one existing finishing barn with a total design capacity of 2,250 swine weighing more than 55 lbs. The barn has a concrete pit below the floor which provides 762,267 gallons of storage for liquid swine manure, or 314 day’s worth of storage. There is an existing mortality composting building which provides 4,125 cubic feet of storage capacity for the compost material, or more than a year’s worth of storage.

General overview of the draft Permit to Install

The draft Permit to Install (PTI) proposes to construct a new swine finishing barn, which would house 2,400 swine weighing more than 55 pounds. The proposed construction would increase the facility’s total design capacity up to 4,650 swine weighing more than 55 pounds. The new finishing barn would have a large concrete pit located below the floor capable of storing up to 843,104 gallons of liquid manure, or 326 day’s worth of storage

General overview of the draft Permit to Operate

Within the draft PTO, a manure management plan is provided which outlines different inspections and monitoring activities that must be completed. Each year the facility would produce an estimated 1,828,988 gallons of liquid manure and 21 tons of mortality compost material. All of the mortality compost material and liquid manure would be land applied each year under the control of the facility on 925 acres in a crop rotation of corn and soybeans.

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. The facility proposes to continue the use of composting as the primary method for managing mortality losses.

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 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 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 are regularly inspected by the ODA to ensure compliance. -End-

