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Hertzfeld Poultry Farms, Inc.
Draft Permit to Install and Draft Permit to Operate

General overview of the farm

Hertzfeld Poultry Farms, Inc. is an existing poultry operation located at 15799 Milton Road, Grand Rapids, Ohio 43522. It is situated in Wood County, Grand Rapids Township, in the Lower Maumee River Watershed. The facility consists of five high rise layer houses (barns A, B, 1, 2 & 3) and one belt- battery layer house (considered barns 4 & 5). The existing facility has a total design capacity of 887,167 layers. Manure from the high rise houses is stored below the layers and manure from the belt- battery barn is transferred to an existing manure storage barn. An existing compost barn is also available for manure storage. The facility also has an existing egg processing operation that generates eggwash effluent that is stored in an existing two-stage manure treatment lagoon system.

General overview of the draft Permit to Install

The draft Permit to Install (PTI) proposes to construct another belt- battery layer house, which will be considered barn 6/7. The new barn will be capable of housing 398,000 layers, bringing the proposed design capacity at the facility to 1,285,167 layers. All manure from the new barn will be transferred daily to the existing manure storage barn or the existing compost barn. These two storage barns provide over 400,000 cubic feet of storage for the two separate belt battery barns, which will provide approximately 190 days of manure storage. The existing manure storage barn will be modified to add conveyors in the barn to more evenly distribute manure in windrows. No change is proposed with the existing layer barns and no increase in eggwash effluent is expected.

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. Each year, approximately 19,533 tons of poultry manure and 1.6 million gallons of eggwash effluent will be generated by the facility. All of the solid manure will be distributed off the farm to manure brokers and crop producers that will utilize the manure as a replacement for commercial fertilizers. The eggwash water will be irrigated over 20 acres through a center pivot irrigation system on land that is controlled by the facility.

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. Hertzfeld Poultry Farm plans to continue using landfilling as the primary method to manage mortality.

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 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 would be regularly inspected by the ODA to ensure compliance.

