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Knapke Poultry Farm, LLC **Draft Permit to Install and Permit to Operate**

General overview of the farm

Knapke Poultry Farm, LLC is an existing poultry layer facility located at 9923 McGreevey Road, Versailles, OH, 45380 which is in Darke County, Wayne Township, situated in the Upper Great Miami Watershed. It is owned and operated by Knapke Poultry Farm, LLC. The current facility consists of two layer barns with a design capacity of 353,733 birds. Solid manure is stored in attached manure storage barns, which provide about 184,005 cubic feet of storage capacity.

Overview of Draft Permit to Install

The draft Permit to Install (PTI) proposes no new construct at the site. Knapke Poultry proposes to make changes in the operation of one of the layer barns and manure storage barn to allow it to increase both the layer capacity and the manure storage capacity. The proposed changes associated with this PTI would give the facility a total design capacity of 525,000 layers and a total manure storage capacity of about 208,082 cubic feet.

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 estimated manure production for the entire facility is about 6,577 tons of solid manure annually, which would be distributed to other farmers for application on crop land as an organic replacement for commercial, synthetic fertilizers.

An Insect and Rodent Control Plan is included to minimize the presence and negative effects of insects and rodents. The plan includes methods to control flies and mice. The plan identifies requirements for regular inspections throughout the buildings for flies and larvae as well as daily water leak inspections. The results of regular inspections are used to determine if the facility is required to perform treatment for insect or rodents based on the criteria set forth in the permit.

A Mortality Management Plan is required for disposal of dead livestock. Approved methods of disposal are burying, landfilling, burning, rendering and composting. Knapke Poultry Farm LLC proposes to continue to utilize transport to a licensed renderer as the primary method of mortality 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. In case of an emergency or accident, the names and phone numbers of contact personnel and equipment are listed in the draft permit.



Finally, an Operating Record is included that provides all forms and information that must be maintained by Knapke Poultry Farm LLC to demonstrate compliance with ODA's rules and the permit. These records include inspection of the manure storage structures, manure characterization, land application, 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.

-----NOTHING FOLLOWS-----

