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## **Kremer Pullet Farm** **Draft Permit to Operate**

### ***General overview of the farm***

Kremer Pullet Farm is an existing farm located in Mercer County, Granville Township, at 2341 US Route 127 in Saint Henry, Ohio and is located in the Upper Wabash Watershed. The Pullet Farm is owned and operated by Donald Kremer. This draft Permit to Operate (PTO) is a renewal application for the previously issued PTO, which was valid for a period of 5 years.

Kremer Pullet Farm has the design capacity to house 223,000 pullets in two barns. These barns collect the manure in a concrete pit beneath the birds which is transferred to a separate manure storage barn after each flock is removed. The manure storage barn has the capacity to store approximately 540 days of manure produced from the two pullet barns.

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Kremer Pullet Farm will produce approximately 540 tons of manure. All the manure is distributed off the farm to cooperating crop farmers or brokers as a replacement for commercial fertilizer on cropland.

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, beetles and mice. The plan identifies requirements for regular inspections throughout the buildings for flies, larvae and beetles, 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 the disposal of dead livestock. Approved methods of disposal are burying, landfilling, burning, rendering and composting. Kremer Farms utilizes composting as their primary method of disposal.

An Emergency Response Plan is also required to ensure that accidents or emergencies are handled quickly and efficiently to maintain the safety of the environment, wildlife and water supplies and resources.

Finally, an Operating Record is contained in the draft Permit to Operate that includes 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 structure, groundwater sampling, manure characterization, insect and rodent control, distribution and utilization of manure, and mortality management. These records are regularly inspected by the ODA.

