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Select Sires Hoyt PGA Center **Draft Permit to Install and Permit to Operate**

General overview of the farm

Select Sires Hoyt PGA Center (Select Sires) is an existing farm located at 15901 Middleburg Plain City Road in Plain City, Ohio which is in Darby Township, Union County, situated in the Big Darby Creek Watershed. The farm is owned and operated by Select Sires, Inc. and has a current design capacity for 944 cows. All contaminated runoff from the facility is collected in three storage ponds which can store 4.3 million gallons. The manure is stacked on concrete slabs, which can store approximately 547,120 cubic feet of solid manure.

Overview of Draft Permit to Install

The draft Permit to Install (PTI) proposes to allow Select Sires to increase the facility's design capacity to 1,072 mature cows. The facility proposes to add two barns with a design capacity of 64 cows each. The facility is also extending the manure stacking slab to allow for an additional 86,400 cubic feet of solid manure storage. Select Sires will have 249 days of contaminated runoff storage and 251 days of solid manure storage.

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 annual manure production for the facility is approximately 6 million gallons of contaminated runoff and approximately 917,198 cubic feet of solid manure. Select Sires has approximately 526 acres of nearby cropland available for the land application of the manure. The remainder of the manure is sold or given to area farmers to be used on their cropland as a replacement for commercial, synthetic fertilizer.

An Insect and Rodent Control Plan is included to minimize the presence and negative effects of insects and rodents. The facility performs daily inspections throughout the facility for flies and rodents. These inspection results 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. Select Sires will utilize the Cherokee Run Landfill as their 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.

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 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.

