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Seifring Farms, LLC
(Finisher 1, Finisher 2, Finisher 3)
Draft Permit to Operate

General overview of the farm

Seifring Farms, LLC, which consists of Finisher 1, Finisher 2 and Finisher 3, are existing swine facilities that have decided to operate together as one facility and therefore are applying for a Permit to Operate (PTO). These facilities are located at the following addresses:

Finisher 1

2564 Siegrist-Jutte Rd
Fort Recovery, Ohio 45846
Recovery Township

Finisher 2

2749 State Route 219
Coldwater, Ohio 45828
Washington Township

Finisher 3

4147 Philothea Road
Coldwater, Ohio 45828
Butler Township

They are all located in Mercer County and in the Upper Wabash watershed. They are owned by Seifring Farms, LLC and operated by Craig, William, Ruth Ann and Gary Seifring. Each facility consists of one 1,920 head swine finishing barn, giving a total design capacity for 5,760 swine weighing more than 55 lbs. Each barn consists of a concrete deep pit below the barn, each providing 650,000 gallons of storage for liquid swine manure. Finisher 1 also has a steer barn, which houses 130 steers and a dry stack manure storage barn providing storage for 720 tons of manure. The draft Permit to Operate (PTO) will bring the existing facilities under the regulation of the Ohio Department of Agriculture and does not propose any increase in the design capacity at any of the locations. If approved, the PTO would be valid for 5 years, at which time the facility would be required to submit a renewal application.

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. The annual manure production for the three locations will be about 1.6 million gallons of liquid manure 1,068 tons of steer manure and 6 tons of mortality compost. All this manure will be land applied under the control of the facility on 1,139 acres that are identified in the draft permit in a corn grain, wheat and soybean rotation.

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.





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A Mortality Management Plan is required for the disposal of dead livestock. Approved methods of disposal are burying, landfilling, burning, rendering and composting. Seifring Farms, LLC will use composting as the primary method for disposal.

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.

