## REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT Classical Swine Fever (Hog Cholera) – Rescinded Rule Review

The rules in this package have been reviewed pursuant to Chapter 119 of the Revised Code and are being proposed as follows. **The comment period will remain open through August 11, 2017.** Comments may be emailed to ecomments@agri.ohio.gov or mailed to Legal Section, Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 E. Main St., Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068.

The rules in this package regulate hog cholera, also known as classical swine fever, in the state of Ohio. After stakeholder outreach it was determined that these rules are no longer necessary. Specifically, this disease has been eradicated from the United States since 1978. Any outbreak of this disease would be controlled by the federal government. **Therefore, these rules shall be rescinded.** 

Ohio Administrative Code 901:1-9-01 outlines the use of classical swine fever biologics. The rule states that any use of the biologics must be used by a licensed veterinarian and reported to the Department.

Ohio Administrative Code 901:1-9-02 controls the sale of these biologics. According to the rule, all sales must be permitted by the Department and can only be made to licensed veterinarians. As this disease has been eradicated these sales have ceased. Therefore, the rule is not necessary.

Ohio Administrative Code 901:1-7-05 states that all cars, trucks, vehicles, chutes, pens, sheds, and premises which have contained swine found affected with classical swine fever or suspected of being affected shall be cleaned and disinfected under the supervision of the department or its authorized personnel. This rule is both duplicative and unnecessary. As the disease has been eradicated this situation has not occurred. Further, classical swine fever is on the dangerously contagious and reportable disease list in OAC 901:1-21-02. As such, any instance of this disease must be cleaned in accordance with Chapter 941 of the Revised Code.

