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JP Poultry **Draft Permit to Install and Permit to Operate**

General overview of the farm

“JP Poultry” is the name of an existing poultry facility located at 8704 State Route 274, New Bremen Ohio 45869. The facility is situated in Mercer County, in Marion NE Township, which is in the Upper Wabash River Watershed. It is owned and operated by Jim Fleck, Pamela Fleck, and Joshua Fleck. The facility consists of two existing operational poultry barns with a total combined design capacity of 322,640 laying hens and one existing decommissioned poultry barn that currently has no design capacity. The facility also has three existing cattle barns with a total combined design capacity of 1,085 steers. The layer manure is stored in a separate manure storage barn. One of the cattle barns has a concrete pit below it to store almost a year of liquid manure and the other two cattle barns have the cattle bedded on straw. This straw laden manure is stored in a separate manure storage barn which has the capacity to store 187 days’ worth of solid manure production. JP Poultry also has a remote manure storage barn which stores manure that the facility receives from another facility to apply to its crop fields. This barn has the capacity to store all of the manure imported and the solid cattle manure produced at the home farm if necessary.

Overview of Draft Permit to Install

The draft Permit to Install (PTI) proposes to authorize JP Poultry to remodel the decommissioned Layer Barn #3 to house 171,000 laying hens and to construct a proposed Layer Barn #4 to house 315,000 laying hens. The facility also proposes to construct a new Manure Storage Barn #4 to store solid poultry manure, and to construct an egg processing wastewater storage pond to store the eggwash water produced by the proposed egg processing plant. The proposed construction would result in a total design capacity of 818,640 laying hens and 1,085 steers. The two manure storage barns would provide more than 320,000 cubic feet of storage capacity or over a year’s worth of storage. There would be no change in the manure storage for the cattle. The proposed Egg Processing Wastewater Pond would have the capacity to store 1,961,166 gallons of low-nutrient process wastewater, or over a year’s worth of 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 laying hens is 6,141 tons of solid manure and 1,501,884 gallons of low-nutrient egg processing wastewater. Cattle manure production is estimated at 1,570 tons of solid pen-pack manure plus 293 tons of imported cattle manure and 1,438,048 gallons of liquid manure. JP Poultry has 884 acres of cropland in a corn, soybean and wheat rotation that is available for the land application of the cattle manure and egg processing wastewater. All the solid poultry manure is distributed off the farm through a manure broker or cooperating crop farmers.

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.

A Mortality Management Plan is required for the disposal of dead livestock. Approved methods of disposal are burying, landfilling, burning, rendering and composting. The facility proposes to continue the use of composting as the primary method for managing poultry losses and transportation to a licensed rendering service for cattle losses.

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. -End-

