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Hillview Farms, Inc. Draft Permit to Install and Draft Permit to Operate

General Overview of the Farm

Hillview Farms, Inc. is a cattle facility located at 22250 Reed Road, Marysville, Ohio 43040. It is situated in Union County, Taylor Township and in the Upper Scioto River Watershed. The facility is owned and operated by Hillview Farms, Inc. The existing facility consists of four (4) housing barns that have a design capacity for 800 head of cattle. The facility also has a manure storage pond capable of storing approximately 1.8 million gallons of liquid manure, as well as four (4) solid manure storage structures that provide a total capacity for 33,000 cubic feet of solid manure. If approved, the Permit to Install (PTI) would be valid for 2 years and the Permit to Operate (PTO) would be valid for 5 years, at which time a PTO renewal would need to be submitted for review and public noticed.

Overview of Draft Permit to Install

The draft Permit to Install (PTI) proposes to construct one additional cattle barn that would have a design capacity for 700 head of cattle. If approved and constructed, the facility would have a total permitted design capacity for 1,500 cattle. The new cattle barn will also be constructed to store approximately 62,700 cubic feet as pen pack within the housing area. In addition, an adjoining manure storage barn, capable of storing 60,640 cubic feet, is proposed to be constructed under the draft PTI. In combination with the existing solid manure storage structures, the facility would have 156,300 cubic feet of solid manure storage, providing well over a year's worth of storage. A new manure storage pond is also proposed in the draft PTI that would provide liquid manure storage for any of the scrape alley manure or contaminated runoff from the existing outside feedlot areas. This manure storage pond is proposed to have a storage volume of 5.76 million gallons and in combination with the existing manure storage pond, will provide well over one year's worth of storage. Lastly, a mortality composting structure is proposed that will provide a storage capacity for 5,625 cubic feet of compost material.

Overview of Draft Permit to Operate

Within the draft Permit to Operate, a manure management plan is provided outlining different inspections and monitoring activities that must be completed by the facility. Each year, approximately 5.1 million gallons of liquid manure, 2,400 tons of solid manure and 7 tons of mortality compost would be generated. All the manure generated would be land applied on approximately 2,212 acres under the control of the facility, with a crop rotation consisting of corn grain, soybeans and wheat.

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 issues or become a nuisance and how the facility will prevent these issues from occurring. The plan explains what preventative measures and treatments are available and how and when they would be taken. Additional 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 plans to compost all mortality 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 would 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 would be regularly inspected by the ODA to ensure compliance.

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