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Bruce Rosswurm Swine Farm
Draft Permit to Install and Draft Permit to Operate

General overview of the farm

“Bruce Rosswurm Swine Farm” is the name of an existing swine facility located at 5326 Road 59, Payne, Ohio 45880. The facility is situated in Paulding County, in Blue Creek Township, which is in the Auglaize River Watershed. Currently the facility consists of two barns each housing 2,400 finishing swine, for a total of 4,800 swine weighing more than 55 pounds. The facility is operated and owned by Bruce Rosswurm and Amy Rosswurm.

General overview of the draft Permit to Install

The draft Permit to Install (PTI) proposes to construct a new swine finishing barn capable of housing 4,800 swine weighing more than 55 pounds. The new swine barn would have a large concrete pit located below the slatted floor capable of storing up to 1,968,000 gallons of liquid manure, which would provide over a year’s worth of storage. After completion of the proposed construction, the facility would have a total design capacity of 9,600 swine weighing more than 55 pounds.

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. After the proposed expansion, the facility would produce an estimated 1,874,290 gallons of liquid manure annually. In addition, the facility would generate about 26 tons of mortality compost material each year. The facility would land apply all the manure and mortality compost material under their control as an organic alternative to commercial fertilizers on 1,378 acres in a crop rotation that includes corn, 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 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 utilize composting as the primary method for managing swine 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 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 will be regularly inspected by the ODA to ensure compliance. -End-

