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VandenhengelPork, LLC **Draft Permit to Operate Renewal**

General overview of the farm

“VandenhengelPork, LLC” is the name of an existing swine finishing facility located at 1416 John Yoh Road, Scott, Ohio 45886. The facility is situated in Van Wert County, in Hoaglin Township, which is in the Auglaize Watershed. It is owned and operated by VandenhengelPork, LLC. The facility consists of two existing 2,450 head finishing barns with one located at 1416 John Yoh Road and another at 14729 Mohr Road. The barns both have 986,262-gallon concrete pits beneath them to store the liquid manure. Storage capacity at the John Yoh Road barn is approximately 600 days and storage capacity at the Mohr Road barn is approximately 500 days. There is a mortality composting pad at the John Yoh Road site which provides 6,080 cubic feet of storage capacity for the compost material, or more than 8 years of storage. The facility has an active Permit to Install authorizing the construction of a new swine finishing barn at the John Yoh Road site, which would be capable of housing 2,450 swine weighing more than 55 pounds. This draft Permit to Operate assumes the proposed barn would be constructed and the facility has an overall design capacity 7,350 swine and manure production is calculated based on this maximum design capacity.

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. Each year the facility would produce an estimated 1.96 million gallons of liquid manure and 22.2 tons of mortality compost material. All of the mortality compost material would be land applied on 39 acres of land under the control of the facility in a corn and soybean crop rotation. The 1.96 million gallons of the liquid manure would be distributed to and utilized by neighboring farmers as an organic alternative source of nutrients on an additional 719 acres of crops.

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. “VandenhengelPork, LLC” will use composting as the primary method for managing 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 are regularly inspected by the ODA to ensure compliance.

