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Allen Way Farms, LLC
Draft Permit to Operate

General overview of the farm

Allen Way Farms, LLC is located in Trumbull County, Southington Township, at 4100 Helsey-Fusselman Road, Southington, Ohio 44470. It is situated in the Mahoning River Watershed. The facility is owned and operated by Allen Way Farms, LLC and currently has three existing barns, capable of housing a total of 108,000 broilers. With a change in production practices to raise smaller broilers, the facility is proposing to stock the facility at a total of 150,000 broilers, therefore triggering a need for a permit since the overall design capacity will exceed 125,000 birds. If the draft Permit to Operate would be issued, it would be valid for a period of 5 years.

General overview of the draft Permit to Operate

The facility consists of three broiler barns, each with a proposed design capacity of 50,000 broilers since smaller birds will be raised. The total combined design capacity of this facility would be 150,000 birds, which would generate an estimated 1,500 tons of solid manure each year. The facility currently has two, covered manure storage structures, each capable of storing approximately 48,800 cubic feet of manure, which provides well over 365 days of storage. The facility also has an existing compost building that handles all the mortality from the operation. The compost structure is capable of storing over 430 days of compost.

Within the draft Permit to Operate, a complete manure management plan is provided, which outlines inspections and monitoring that must be completed by the facility and how manure will be managed. Approximately 165 tons of the manure/compost generated will be applied onto 66 acres of alfalfa, which is controlled by Allen Way Farms. The remaining manure, approximately 1,335 tons, will be distributed off site to be utilized by crop farmers to recycle the nutrients as an organic alternative to commercial synthetic fertilizers.

An Insect and Rodent Control Plan is included to minimize the presence and negative effects of insects and rodents. The facility performs daily inspections throughout the facility for flies and rodents. These inspection results are used to determine if the facility is required to perform treatment for insect or rodents based on the criteria set forth in the permit.

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 using mortality composting as the method for disposal.

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.

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, insect and rodent control, distribution and utilization of manure, and mortality management. The facility and its records are inspected by ODA to ensure compliance.

