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## **Arnold Road Farm, LLC** **Draft Permit to Install and Draft Permit to Operate**

### ***General overview of the farm***

“Arnold Road Farm” is the name of a proposed swine finishing facility that would be located on Arnold Road between Beanblossom Road and Children’s Home-Bradford Road (a mailing address would be determined once a drive permit is issued). The facility would be situated in Greenville Township, Darke County, just northwest of Greenville, Ohio in the Upper Great Miami Watershed. The facility would be owned and operated by Rodney Drew, Ric Drew, Richard Drew, and Randall Drew.

### ***General overview of the draft Permit to Install***

The facility would consist of two proposed swine finishing barns, which would house 4,000 swine weighing more than 55 pounds each, for a total design capacity of 8,000 head. The swine barns would each have a concrete pit below the floor to provide 1,767,119 gallons of storage for liquid swine manure, or over a year’s worth of storage. The facility would also have 4,400 cubic feet of solid mortality compost material storage, or well over a year’s worth of storage.

### ***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 2,027,200 gallons of liquid manure and 42 tons of mortality compost material. All of the mortality compost material and 75 percent of the liquid manure would be land applied under the control of the facility on 909 acres of farm land in a crop rotation of corn and soybeans. The remaining 25 percent of the liquid manure would be distributed to and utilized by a cooperating crop farmer to recycle the organic nutrients as an alternative to commercial fertilizers on 300 acres of farm land in a crop rotation of corn and soybeans.

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. “Arnold Road Farm” proposes to 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 would be regularly inspected by the ODA to ensure compliance.

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