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Croton Hatchery and Breeder Pullet **Draft Permit to Operate Renewal**

General overview of the farm

Croton Hatchery and Breeder Pullet is an existing poultry facility located at 10214 Crouse Willison Road (Hatchery) and 8251 Benner Road (Breeder Pullet), Johnstown, Ohio 43031. It is situated in Licking County, Bennington Township, in the Licking River Watershed. The facility is owned by Ohio Fresh Eggs, LLC and operated by Trillium Farm Holdings, LLC and Versova Holdings, LLC. The facility consists of 5 hatchery barns, with a total design capacity of 125,000 layers and 3 breeder pullet barns, with a total design capacity of 75,000 pullets. All of these barns have manure storage below the birds, with the hatchery barns providing 120,000 cubic feet of storage each and the pullet barns providing 13,300 cubic feet each. Days of manure storage in all these barns well exceeds 365 days. Wastewater is also generated at the hatchery, which is stored in a 7.4 million gallon manure storage pond, providing approximately 702 days of storage. If approved, this Permit to Operate renewal application would be valid for a five year period.

General overview of the draft Permit to Operate

Within the draft Permit to Operate (PTO), a manure management plan is provided which outlines different inspections and monitoring activities that must be completed. Each year, approximately 2,070 tons of poultry manure will be generated at the facility. All of the solid manure will be distributed off the farm to manure brokers and crop producers that will utilize the manure as a replacement for commercial fertilizers. Also, approximately 3.85 million gallons of hatchery wastewater will be generated and land applied to land under the control of the facility annually. Approximately 20 acres under center pivot irrigation are designated for the application of this liquid on a corn-soybean rotation.

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. Trillium Farms will continue using rendering and composting as the two primary methods to manage 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 will continue to be regularly inspected by the ODA to ensure compliance.

