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Deer Run Farm **Draft Permit to Operate Renewal**

General overview of the farm

Deer Run Farm is located at 17501 Road 60, Grover Hill, OH, 45849 which is in Paulding County, Latty Township, situated in the Auglaize River Watershed. The facility is owned by Cooper Farms Inc. The design capacity at the facility is 3,500 swine weighing 55 pounds or more, housed in three shallow pit barns. The liquid manure is stored in a lagoon which provides about 346 days of storage. This draft Permit to Operate is a renewal for the previously issued Permit to Operate, which was valid for a period of 5 years.

Overview of Draft Permit to Operate

Within the draft Permit to Operate (PTO), a complete Manure Management Plan is provided, which outlines inspections and monitoring that must be completed by the facility. The estimated manure production for the entire facility is about 6.2 million gallons and 36 tons of compost annually. The liquid manure will be applied by Deer Run Farm on 82 acres of crop land and the compost would be given to local farmers that supply grain to Deer Run Farm.

An Insect and Rodent Control Plan is included to minimize the presence and negative effects of insects and rodents. The plan includes methods to control flies and mice. The plan identifies requirements for regular inspections throughout the buildings for flies, as well as daily water leak inspections. The results of regular inspections 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 disposal of dead livestock. Approved methods of disposal are burying, landfilling, burning, rendering and composting. Deer Run Farm will continue to use composting as the primary method of mortality disposal.

An Emergency Response Plan is required to ensure accidents or emergencies are handled quickly and efficiently to maintain the safety of the environment, wildlife and water supplies. In case of an emergency or accident, the names and phone numbers of contact personnel and equipment are listed in the permit.

Finally, an Operating Record is included that provides all forms and information that must be maintained by the facility to demonstrate compliance with ODA's rules and the permit. These records include inspection of the manure storage structures, manure characterization, land application, insect and rodent control, distribution and utilization of manure, and mortality management. The facility and these records are inspected by the Ohio Department of Agriculture to ensure compliance.

