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Dew Fresh Farm **Draft Permit to Operate**

General overview of the farm

Dew Fresh Farm is located in Darke County, Wayne Township, at 10069 Christian Road, Versailles Ohio 45380. It is located in the Upper Great Miami River watershed. The facility is owned and operated by Weaver Brothers, Inc. This draft Permit to Operate is a renewal for the previously issued Permit to Operate, and would be valid for a period of 5 years.

Overview of Draft Permit to Operate

The facility consists of nine existing high-rise layer barns, with a total combined design capacity of 1,638,355 birds. Each barn has a concrete pit located below the birds to store the solid manure. The pits provide a combined manure storage capacity of about 1,059,400 cubic feet, which is more than a year's worth of storage. Dew Fresh Farm also processes and all the eggs at the facility, which produces about 800,000 gallons of eggwash water annually. In addition, Dew Fresh Farm receives about 1.1 million gallons of eggwash water from another Weaver Brother's processing facility on an annual basis. All this eggwash water is stored in four ponds that have the capacity to store 2.2 million gallons. These ponds provide more than a year of storage.

Dew Fresh Farm produces about 14,272 tons of solid manure and 1.9 million gallons of eggwash water annually. All the eggwash water is applied to a 42 acre field under a center pivot irrigation system and about 166 tons of the solid manure is applied on 538 acres under the control of the facility. These acres are in a corn, soybean and wheat rotation. The remainder of the solid manure is distributed to area crop farmers where it is land applied to recycle the nutrients as an organic alternative to imported commercial synthetic fertilizers.

Within this draft Permit to Operate, a complete manure management plan is provided, which also outlines inspections and monitoring that must be completed by the facility.

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 mortality disposal are burying, landfilling, burning, rendering and composting. Dew Fresh Farm will continue to use a licensed renderer as the primary method of mortality disposal.

An Emergency Response Plan is also required to ensure that accidents or emergencies are handled quickly and efficiently to maintain the safety of the environment, wildlife and water supplies.

Finally, an Operating Record is contained in the draft Permit to Operate that includes all forms and information that must be maintained by the facility to show compliance with ODA's rules and the permit. These records include inspection of the manure storage structures, groundwater sampling, manure characterization, insect and rodent control, distribution and utilization of manure, and mortality management. These records are routinely inspected by ODA to ensure compliance.

