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## **Indian Trail Pullets, LLC** **Draft Permit to Operate Renewal**

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

The existing facility called “Indian Trail Pullets, LLC” is located in Mercer County, Marion Township, at 873 Reichert Road, Maria Stein, Ohio 45860. It is located in the Upper Great Miami River watershed. The facility is owned by Indian Trail Pullets, LLC and operated by Rindler Poultry LLC and Ross-Medford Farms LLC. The facility has a total design capacity of 610,000 pullets housed in two barns. The solid poultry manure is stored in two manure storage barns, each located at the end of one of the housing barns. Each manure storage barn has the capacity to store about 84,630 cubic feet of manure or about 276 days’ worth of storage capacity.

### ***Overview of Draft Permit to Operate***

This draft Permit to Operate (PTO) renewal would be valid for a period of 5 years. Within the draft PTO renewal, a complete manure management plan is provided which outlines inspections and monitoring that must be completed by the facility. At the maximum design capacity, the facility would generate an estimated 3,572 tons of solid manure annually. All of this manure would be distributed to and utilized by cooperating farmers to recycle the nutrients on productive crop land as an organic alternative to imported commercial chemical fertilizers.

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. The facility will continue to use on-site composting 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. The facility and these records are routinely inspected by ODA to ensure compliance. -End-

