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## **Pessefall Farms, LLC** **Draft Permit to Operate Renewal**

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

The existing facility known as “Pessefall Farms, LLC” is in Paulding County, Brown Township, at 12742 Road 191, Oakwood, Ohio 45873 in the Auglaize River watershed. The facility is owned and operated by Pessefall Farms, LLC. It has a permitted design capacity of 5,200 swine weighing more than 55 pounds housed in four barns. The liquid manure is stored in concrete storage pits below the floors of the barns, which provide about 2,000,000 gallons of storage or just over one year’s worth of storage capacity.

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

Within the draft Permit to Operate (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 1,728,000 gallons of liquid manure annually. The facility would control the application of about 228,000 gallons of liquid manure on 94 acres of crop land. The remaining 1,500,000 gallons of liquid manure would be distributed to and utilized by neighboring farmers to recycle the nutrients on 788 acres of productive crop land as an organic alternative to commercial chemical fertilizers.

An Insect and Rodent Control Plan is included to minimize the presence and negative effects of insects and rodents.

A Mortality Management Plan is required for proper disposal of dead livestock. Approved methods of disposal are burying, landfilling, burning, rendering and composting. Pessefall Farms, LLC plans to continue utilizing an on-site incinerator as the primary method to manage mortality losses.

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.

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 include inspection of the manure storage structures, manure characterization, 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. –End-

