



Governor John R. Kasich
Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor
Director David T. Daniels

Division of Livestock Environmental Permitting
A.B. Graham Building
8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
Phone: 614-387-0470 • Fax: 614-728-6335
www.agri.ohio.gov • lepp@agri.ohio.gov

RB Poultry LLC **Draft Permit to Operate**

General overview of the farm

RB Poultry LLC is located in Darke County, Patterson Township, at 13859 Versailles Yorkshire Road, Yorkshire, Ohio 45388. It is located in the Upper Great Miami River watershed. The facility is owned and operated by RB Poultry LLC of which Mike and Steven Broerman are members. This draft Permit to Operate is a renewal for the previously issued permit and would be valid for another five years.

Overview of Draft Permit to Operate

The facility consists of three existing pullet barns, two deep pit and one belt battery. The three barns have a total combined design capacity of 435,000 birds. The deep pit barns store the manure in a pit below the birds and the belt battery has belts below the cages to convey the manure into an attached manure storage barn. The pits and the manure storage barn provide a combined manure storage capacity of about 293,000 cubic feet, which is more than a year of storage.

RB Poultry produces about 2,539 tons of solid manure annually. The 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.

An Insect and Rodent Control plan is required to minimize the presence and negative effects of insects and rodents. The facility performs routine inspections around the facility for flies and rodents. These inspection results are used to determine if the facility would need to perform treatment for insect or rodents based on the criteria set forth in the permit.

A Mortality Management Plan is required for the disposal of dead livestock. Approved methods of mortality disposal are burying, landfilling, burning, rendering and composting. RB Poultry will continue to use 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. These records are routinely inspected by ODA to ensure compliance.

