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Sager Family Pork **Draft Permit to Install and Draft Permit to Operate**

General overview of the farm

“Sager Family Pork” is the name of an existing swine farrowing facility located at 2114 Carter Road, LaRue, Ohio 43332. The facility is situated in Marion County, in Bowling Green Township, which is in the Upper Scioto River Watershed. It is owned and operated by Sager Family Pork, LLC. The facility consists of an existing farrowing barn and an existing gestation barn, with a combined design capacity of 2,499 swine weighing more than 55 lbs. The gestation barn has a concrete pit below the housing area providing 3,068,840 gallons of storage for liquid swine manure from the farrowing and gestation barns, which provides approximately 325 days for the existing site. An existing mortality compost structure provides 13,608 cubic feet of storage for the mortality generated at the facility. As part of this draft permit, the Sager’s propose to also include a 2,400 head finishing barn that is nearby and owned by Sager Farms, Inc. The finishing barn is added into the Sager Family Pork’s draft permit to allow for all manure to be included under one manure management plan so that land application areas could be shared. The existing finishing barn has a concrete pit below the housing area, which provides 890,000 gallons of storage , or approximately 220 days. There is an existing mortality composting structure at the finishing barn, which provides 1,600 cubic feet of storage capacity for the compost material.

General overview of the draft Permit to Install

The draft Permit to Install (PTI) proposes to construct a new Gilt Developer barn (GDU) and a Gilt Developer Isolation barn (GDU Iso). The GDU barn would be capable of housing up to 450 head of swine weighing 55 lbs. or more and would store manure in a pit below the housing area. The concrete pit would be capable of storing 338,000 gallons of manure, which provides 375 days of storage. The GDU Iso barn would be capable of housing up to 150 head of swine weighing 55 lbs. or more. The concrete pit below this barn would be capable of storing 116,500 gallons, which provides 388 days of storage. The proposed construction and the addition of the finishing barn would increase the facility’s total design capacity to 5,499 swine weighing more than 55 pounds.

General overview of the draft Permit to Operate

Within the draft PTO, a manure management plan is provided which outlines different inspections and monitoring activities that must be completed. Each year the facility would produce an estimated 2,919,000 gallons of farrowing/gestation manure, 969,000 gallons of finishing manure, 347,000 gallons of GDU manure and 33 tons of mortality compost material. All of the mortality compost material and liquid swine manure would be land applied each year under the control of the facility on 1,161 acres in a crop rotation that would include corn and soybeans.

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 disposal are burying, landfilling, burning, rendering and composting. The facility proposes to continue the use of composting as the primary method for managing mortality losses.

An Emergency Response Plan is required to ensure that emergencies are handled quickly and efficiently to maintain the safety of the environment, wildlife and water supplies and resources. The plan also identifies procedures to be followed during an emergency, such as a spill or discharge, as well as contact information for those who need to be notified in the event of an emergency.

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 document inspection of the manure storage structures, groundwater sampling, manure characterization, land application, insect and rodent control, distribution and utilization of manure, and mortality management. The facility and its records are regularly inspected by the ODA to ensure compliance.

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