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## **Scioto Prairie** **Draft Permit to Operate**

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

Scioto Prairie is an existing swine facility at 1001 Scioto Chapel Road, Bucyrus, Ohio. The facility is situated in Crawford County, Bucyrus Township, in the Sandusky Watershed. The facility is owned and operated by Hord Family Farms, LLC and has a design capacity of 6,552 swine weighing over 55 pounds. The facility has 5 buildings housing swine; an Isolation Barn, two Gilt Development Units, a Farrowing Barn, and a Gestation Barn. The liquid swine manure is stored underneath each building in concrete tanks except for the Farrowing Barn, which has shallow pull-plug pits that are drained into the Gestation Barn's pit. Overall, the facility is capable of storing over 9.4 million gallons of liquid manure. Solid compost material is stored in a 21,600 cubic foot mortality compost structure. The facility has well over a year's worth of storage for both liquid and solid manure.

### ***General overview of the draft Permit to Operate***

Within the draft Permit to Operate (PTO), a manure management plan is provided which outlines different inspections and monitoring activities that must be completed. Approximately 7.5 million gallons of liquid manure and 70 tons of mortality compost material would be land applied annually. A portion of the liquid manure will be given or sold to crop farmers through distribution and utilization to be land applied as a replacement for commercial fertilizer. Scioto Prairie also has approximately 1,320 acres that it owns or controls that will be used for the application of the compost and liquid manure.

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. Scioto Prairie plans to continue to use mortality composting.

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 would 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.

