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Tillman Farms Draft Permit to Operate Renewal

General overview of the farm

The existing facility known as “Tillman Farms” is located in Shelby County, Franklin Township NE, at 14350 State Route 119, Anna, Ohio 45305 in the Upper Great Miami River watershed. The facility is owned and operated by Robert “Buck” Tillman. It has a permitted design capacity of 4,000 swine weighing more than 55 pounds housed in two barns. The liquid manure is stored in concrete tanks below the floors of the barns. In addition there is a mortality compost pad to store the solid compost material. The facility has about a year’s worth of liquid manure storage and more than 5 years’ worth of storage for composted mortality material.

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 1,563,000 gallons of liquid manure annually. The manure will be distributed to and utilized by local crop farmers to recycle the nutrients as an organic alternative to commercial synthetic 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. “Tillman Farms” plans to continue utilizing on-site mortality composting 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-

