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## **Topaz Real Estate, Inc. Farm 2** **Draft Permit to Operate**

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

Topaz Real Estate, Inc., Farm 2 is located in Union County, York Township, at 26586 Storms Road in West Mansfield, Ohio and is located in the Upper Scioto Watershed. Farm 2 is owned by Topaz Real Estate, Inc. and is operated by Nature Pure, LLC. This draft Permit to Operate (PTO) is a renewal application for the previously issued PTO, which was valid for a period of 5 years.

Farm 2 currently has the design capacity to house 205,000 laying hens in six barns and has an existing Permit to Install to construct 3 additional barns to house an additional 106,500 laying hens. These barns remove the manure daily on a conveyor to a manure storage barn at the facility. The manure storage barn has the capacity to store approximately 272 days of manure production from the nine layer barns at Farm 2 and a portion of the manure generated at another facility, Nature Pure LLC, Farm 1, which is under common ownership. Farm 2 also has a 825,282 gallon pond to store the 1.4 million gallons of egg wash it produces yearly at the site. This pond provides 213 days of storage.

Farm 2 will produce approximately 11,009 tons of manure and accepts approximately 3,730 tons of manure from Farm 1 annually. All solid manure is distributed off the farm to cooperating crop farmers or brokers as a replacement for commercial fertilizer on cropland. Farm 2 applies the egg wash to 23 acres of crop land through a center pivot to irrigate the corn and soybeans grown on the parcel.

Within this draft Permit to Operate an Insect and Rodent Control plan is required to minimize the presence and negative effects of insects and rodents.

A Mortality Management Plan is required for the disposal of dead livestock. Approved methods of disposal are burying, landfilling, burning, rendering and composting. Farm 2 utilizes composting as their primary method of 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 and resources.

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 structure, groundwater testing, manure characterization, insect and rodent control, distribution and utilization of manure, and mortality management. These records are inspected annually by the ODA.

