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WDC Eggs, LLC – Layer Facility **Draft Permit to Install and Draft Permit to Operate**

General overview of the farm

WDC Eggs, LLC - Layer Facility is a proposed poultry facility that would be located at 3193 Fleetfoot Road, St. Henry, Ohio 45883. It would be situated in Mercer County, Granville Township, in the Upper Wabash River Watershed. The facility will be owned and operated by WDC Eggs, LLC, which consists of Cooper Farms, Inc., Weaver Bros., Inc. and Division Farms, LLC.

General overview of the draft Permit to Install

The draft Permit to Install (PTI) proposes to construct 16 layer housing barns, each capable of housing 106,000 layers, for a total design capacity of 1,696,000 layers. Each barn would have belts under the cages that would transport the solid manure to two manure storage barns on a daily basis. The manure storage barns would be capable of storing approximately 421,000 cubic feet of manure each, which will provide 160 days of manure storage. The facility would also have a processing facility, which would generate approximately 2.15 million gallons of liquid eggwash manure annually. This liquid would be stored in a three stage manure storage pond system that would have an overall storage capacity of approximately 2.37 million gallons, which would provide approximately 400 days of liquid storage.

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. Each year, approximately 48,000 tons of poultry manure will be generated by the facility. All of the solid manure will be distributed off the farm to manure brokers and crop producers that will utilize the manure as a replacement for commercial fertilizers.

The facility will also generate approximately 2.15 million gallons of liquid eggwash manure that will be applied under the control of the facility on ground surrounding the facility. The manure management plan consists of 17 acres that will be utilized for the application of the liquid. The plan outlines a continuous alfalfa crop rotation with a yield of 6 tons/acre, which will actually remove more nutrients than will be applied with the liquid eggwash 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. WDC Eggs, LLC plans to compost mortality in a segregated area of each manure storage barn.

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 would be regularly inspected by the ODA to ensure compliance.

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