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Weaver Pullet Farm **Draft Permit to Operate**

General overview of the farm

Weaver Pullet Farm is located in Darke County, Wayne Township, at 11341 Cramer Road, Versailles, Ohio 45380. It is located in the Upper Great Miami River watershed. The facility is owned and operated by Weaver Brothers, Inc. This draft Permit to Operate is a renewal for the previously issued Permit to Operate, and would be valid for a period of 5 years.

Overview of Draft Permit to Operate

The facility consists of four existing barns, two barns are deep pit barns with the design capacity of 228,000 pullets each and two belt battery barns with the design capacity of 240,000 pullets each for a total combined design capacity of 936,000 pullets. The two deep pit barns have a concrete pit located below the birds to store the solid manure and the two belt battery barns have adjoining manure storage barns. These storage areas provide a combined manure storage capacity of about 568,000 cubic feet, which is more than a year's worth of storage.

Weaver Pullet Farm produces about 3,561 tons of solid manure annually. The solid manure is distributed to area crop farmers where it is land applied to recycle the nutrients as an organic alternative to imported commercial synthetic fertilizers.

Within this draft Permit to Operate, a complete manure management plan is provided, which also outlines inspections and monitoring that must be completed by the facility.

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 mortality disposal are burying, landfilling, burning, rendering and composting. Weaver Pullet Farm will continue to use the Allied Waste Landfill as the primary method of mortality 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.

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 structures, groundwater sampling, manure characterization, insect and rodent control, distribution and utilization of manure, and mortality management. These records are routinely inspected by ODA to ensure compliance.

