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Phat Chix Poultry, LLC
Draft Permit to Install and Draft Permit to Operate

General overview of the farm

“Phat Chix Poultry, LLC” is the name of an existing dairy facility located at 6260 Hudson Drive SW, Navarre, Ohio 44662. The facility is situated in Stark County, in Bethlehem Township, which is in the Tuscarawas River watershed. It is owned by the Craig E. Fortner Revocable Trust and operated by Phat Chix Poultry, LLC. The facility currently consists of a dairy freestall barn with a design capacity of 56 mature dairy cows. The cows spend 9 months out of the year in surrounding pastures and are confined in the freestall barn the remainder of the year. Manure collected in the winter months is stored in an 81,345 gallon concrete basin.

General overview of the draft Permit to Install

The draft Permit to Install (PTI) proposes to construct three poultry barns, each with a design capacity of 55,000 birds. After the proposed expansion, the birds would produce an estimated 1,646 tons of solid manure annually. Each broiler barn would have the capacity to store about 53 days’ worth of manure. In addition, the facility proposes to construct a manure storage barn with 42,231 cubic feet of storage capacity, which would provide an estimated 172 days’ worth of storage. The permit also proposes to construct a composting facility to store up to 1,440 cubic feet of projected bird mortality losses for more than a year’s worth of storage.

General overview of the draft Permit to Operate

Within the draft Permit to Operate (PTO), a complete manure management plan is provided which outlines inspections and monitoring that must be completed by the facility and how manure will be managed. Each year the facility would land apply 62,136 gallons of liquid dairy manure and 7,665 gallons of collected milk house waste water on 60 acres of hay. In addition, the facility would generate about 1,646 tons of solid poultry manure and 35 tons of composted mortality material. The poultry manure would be distributed off the farm to be utilized by area 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. The facility performs daily inspections throughout the facility for flies and rodents. These inspection results are used to determine if the facility is required to perform treatment for insect or rodents based on the criteria set forth in the permit.

A Mortality Management Plan is required for the disposal of dead livestock. Approved methods of disposal are burying, landfilling, burning, rendering and composting. The facility proposes to use mortality composting as the primary method for managing and disposing of poultry losses. A licensed rendering service will be used to dispose of dairy cow mortality losses.

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.



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, insect and rodent control, distribution and utilization of manure, and mortality management. The facility and its records are inspected by ODA to ensure compliance. -End-

