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Marker Farm
Draft Permit to Install and Draft Permit to Operate

General overview of the farm

“Marker Farm” is the name of a proposed broiler facility that would be located at 90224 Blue Ridge Road, Bloomingdale, Ohio 43910. The facility site is situated in Harrison County, in German Township, which is in the Upper Ohio River Watershed. The facility would be owned and operated by Ryan Marker and Audrey Rainsberger.

General overview of the draft Permit to Install

The draft Permit to Install (PTI) proposes to construct three broiler barns, each capable of housing 55,000 birds, for a total design capacity of 165,000 broilers. When stocked at the full design capacity, the birds would produce an estimated 1,646 tons of solid manure annually. Each of the three barns would have the capability to store about 53 days’ worth of manure. In addition the facility would also have a covered manure storage barn capable of holding 40,000 cubic feet of manure, which would provide another 164 days’ worth of solid manure production. The facility would also have covered compost bins that would be used to manage the anticipated mortality losses from the operation. The mortality compost structure would be capable of storing about 398 days of compost.

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 about 121 tons of the solid manure and all 35 tons of compost material generated by the facility will be land applied under the control of the facility onto 113 acres of hay ground. The remaining 1,525 tons of solid manure generated each year will be distributed off site to be utilized by 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 composting as the primary method for managing and disposing of 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-

