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Millco Inc.
Draft Permit to Operate Renewal

Millco Inc. is located in Darke County, Jackson Township, at 1752 Beamsville Union City Road, Union City, Ohio 45390 in the upper Great Miami River watershed. The facility is owned and operated by Millco Inc. The sole member of Millco Inc. is Nathan Miller of 1991 Beamsville Union City Road, Union City, Ohio 45390.

This draft Permit to Operate (PTO) is a renewal application for the expiring PTO that was issued by the Ohio Department of Agriculture (ODA) in 2011 and was valid for five years. This PTO would also be valid for a five-year period, at which time the owner would be required to apply for renewal.

The existing facility has two finishing barns, one with a design capacity of 1,000 hogs and one with a design capacity of 2,000 hogs with a total combined design capacity of 3,000 hogs weighing more than 55 lbs. which will remain the same under the permit renewal. Each of the finishing barns has a concrete tank beneath it to store the manure. The facility records show an average of about 762,000 gallons of manure produced annually by the facility. The existing concrete tanks under the buildings provide a combined 1.32 million gallons of storage capacity, which would be more than 600 days of storage.

A complete Manure Management Plan is provided in the draft Permit to Operate that demonstrates the effective and responsible use of the nutrients contained in the manure. Millco Inc. produces approximately 762,000 gallons of liquid manure annually. This manure is distributed and utilized by surrounding crop farmers as a replacement for commercial fertilizer on their cropland.

Additionally 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 are burying, burning, rendering and composting. This facility utilizes burning as their method of disposal. Millco Inc. has an incinerator on site to effectively dispose of its mortality.

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, including wildlife, 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/treatment structures, groundwater monitoring, manure characterization, land application, insect and rodent control and mortality management. These records are regularly inspected by the department to assure compliance with the rules.

