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JP Poultry **Draft Permit to Operate Renewal**

General overview of the farm

JP Poultry is located in Mercer County, Marion NE Township, at 8704 State Route 274, New Bremen Ohio 45869. It is located in the Upper Wabash River Watershed. The facility is owned and operated by James, Pamela and Joshua Fleck. 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.

The facility consists of three layer barns and three cattle barns. The layer barns have the total design capacity to house 410,000 laying hens and the cattle barns have the total design capacity to house 1,085 beef cattle. The layer manure is stored in concrete pits below each of the layer barns and each barn has the capacity to store more than 500 days of poultry manure. One of the cattle barns has a concrete pit below it to store up to a year of liquid manure and the other two cattle barns have the cattle bedded on straw. This straw laden manure is stored in a manure barn which has the capacity to store 255 days of solid manure production. JP Poultry also has a remote manure storage barn which stores manure that the facility receives from another facility to apply to its crop fields. This barn has the capacity to store all of the manure imported and the solid cattle manure produced at the home farm if necessary.

Overview of 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. The estimated annual manure production for the laying hens is 3,785 tons of manure. Cattle manure production is estimated at 1,519 tons of solid manure plus 293 tons of imported cattle manure and 832,894 gallons of liquid manure. JP Poultry has 812 acres of cropland in a corn, soybean and wheat rotation that is available for the land application of the liquid and solid cattle manure. All the poultry manure is distributed off the farm through a manure broker or cooperating crop farmers.

An Insect and Rodent Control Plan is included to minimize the presence and negative effects of insects and rodents. The plan includes methods to control flies, beetles and mice. The farm performs daily inspections throughout the buildings for flies, larvae and beetles, as well as daily water leak inspections. These monitoring activities 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 disposal of dead livestock. Approved methods of disposal are burying, landfilling, burning, rendering and composting. JP Poultry will utilize composting as their method of disposal for the laying hens and will dispose of the cattle at the Mercer County Landfill.

An Emergency Response Plan is required to ensure accidents or emergencies are handled quickly and efficiently to maintain the safety of the environment, wildlife and water supplies. In case of



an emergency or accident, the names and phone numbers of contact personnel and equipment are listed.

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 include inspection of the manure storage structures, manure characterization, land application, insect and rodent control, distribution and utilization of manure, and mortality management. The facility and these records are inspected by the Ohio Department of Agriculture to ensure compliance.