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Phillips Farms III **Draft Permit to Operate**

General overview of the farm

Phillips Farms III is an existing beef facility that consists of two different sites, with the “Dennis Home” site located at 11002 Buckland Holden Road, Wapakoneta, Ohio and the “Valgene Home” site located at 11721 Buckland Holden Road, Wapakoneta, Ohio. Both sites are situated in Auglaize County, Logan Township and in the Auglaize River watershed. Phillips Brothers Farms, LLC is considered an owner and the operator of the facility and Valgene and Janet Phillips own a portion of the “Valgene Home” site.

The “Dennis Home” site consists of three cattle barns with a current design capacity of 990 beef cattle. The “Valgene Home” site consists of four cattle barns with a current design capacity of 849 beef cattle. The Phillips Family has decided to combine these two sites into one facility, thus exceeding the permit threshold of 1,000 beef cattle. Once combined as shown in the draft PTO, the facility will have a maximum design capacity of 1,999 head of beef cattle. No new construction is planned with this draft permit. If approved, the PTO would be valid for five years, at which time the facility would be required to submit a renewal application.

Cattle manure is stored as both solid and liquid, depending on the site and the design of each barn. At the “Dennis Home” site, there are two existing solid manure storage structures that can store 38,100 cubic feet of solid manure and a liquid manure storage pond capable of storing 2,341,700 gallons. At the “Valgene Home” site, there is a manure storage barn capable of storing 70,770 cubic feet of solid and two manure storage ponds capable of storing a combined 2,510,800 gallons of liquid. Combined between the two sites, the facility has approximately a year’s worth of storage for both liquid and solid manure.

General Overview of Draft Permit to Operate

Within this draft PTO, a complete manure management plan is provided, which outlines inspections and monitoring that must be completed by the facility. Each year the facility would generate approximately 7,000 tons of solid manure, 2,920,000 gallons of liquid manure and 32 tons of mortality compost. All of the manure/compost generated at the facility is land applied on 2,880 acres under the control of the facility that is in a typical corn/soybean/wheat cropping rotation.

An Insect and Rodent Control plan is also required to minimize the presence and negative effects of insects and rodents. The facility will perform regular inspections throughout the facility for flies and rodents. These inspection results will be used to determine if the facility is required to perform treatment for insect or rodents based on the criteria set forth in the plan. Details of the 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. The facility plans to continue using on-site composting as the primary method to manage mortality losses.



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. Details of the plan can be found in the draft PTO.

Finally, an Operating Record is contained in the draft PTO 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.

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