



Governor John R. Kasich
Lieutenant Governor Mary Taylor
Director David T. Daniels

Division of Livestock Environmental Permitting
A.B. Graham Building
8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, OH 43068
Phone: 614-387-0470 • Fax: 614-728-6335
www.agri.ohio.gov • lepp@agri.ohio.gov

Triple R Farms, Inc.
Draft Permit to Install and Draft Permit to Operate

General overview of the farm

“Triple R Farms, Inc.” is the name of a proposed swine finishing facility that would be located at 11845 Gamble Road, Van Wert, Ohio 45891. The facility would be situated in Van Wert County, in Ridge Township, which is in the Auglaize River Watershed. It would be owned by Pup Creek Livestock LLC, D&K Livestock LLC, and the Roger W. Rank and Karen K. Rank Revocable Trust. It would be operated by Triple R Farms Inc.

General overview of the draft Permit to Install

The draft Permit to Install (PTI) proposes to construct a new swine finishing barn adjacent to two existing swine finishing barns that are currently separately owned and being separately operated. All three barns would be operated as a single facility under the proposed permit. The two existing barns each house 2,400 swine weighing more than 55 pounds. The proposed third barn would house 2,400 swine weighing more than 55 pounds and increase the facility’s total design capacity up to 7,200 swine weighing more than 55 pounds. Each of the three barns would have a large concrete pit located below the floor capable of storing about 840,000 gallons of liquid manure, or an estimated 304 days’ worth of storage. There will be three mortality composting structures, each providing more than a year’s worth of storage.

General overview of the draft Permit to Operate

Within the draft PTO, a manure management plan is provided which outlines different inspections and monitoring activities that must be completed. Each year the facility would produce an estimated 3,051,336 gallons of liquid manure and 24 tons of mortality compost material. All of the mortality compost material and liquid manure would be land applied each year under the control of the facility on 1,370 acres in a crop rotation that would include corn, soybeans, and wheat.

A detailed Insect and Rodent Control Plan is required to minimize the presence and negative effects of insects and rodents. The plan details which types of pests could potentially cause problems and how the facility will prevent those problems from occurring. The plan explains what preventative measures and treatments are available and how and when they might be employed. Details regarding the Insect and Rodent Control Plan can be found in the draft PTO.

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 continue the use of composting as the primary method for managing 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. The plan also identifies procedures to be followed during an emergency, such as a spill or discharge, as well as contact information for those who need to be notified in the event of an emergency.

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

