

Hillbex Dairy

Public Information Meeting

October 24, 2007

August 19, 2002

Ohio Department of Agriculture
assumes regulatory authority over
concentrated animal feeding facilities

Prior to August 2002

- Ohio EPA issued only Permits to Install for CAFOs; they had no Permit to Operate.
- To date, Ohio EPA still administers the Federal CAFO regulations for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit.

- ODA Rules vs. U.S. EPA-NPDES Rules

- ODA Rules require:

- All CAFFs to have ODA PTI & PTO. Only CAFFs that plan to discharge to state waters must have NPDES.
- Environmental background check
- Local notification
- Annual groundwater sampling
- Insect and rodent control plan
- Odor minimization plan
- Emergency response plan
- Development and implementation of a Certified Livestock Manager (CLM) program

- Permit to Install (PTI) includes:
 - o Engineering plans
 - o Geological exploration
 - o Additional design criteria for construction
 - o Siting criteria of manure storage
 - o Requirements for construction specifications
 - o Certification of construction
 - o Inspection of facilities
 - o Groundwater testing
 - o Identification of water supply

- **ODA Rules vs. U.S. EPA-NPDES Rules**

- **ODA Policy is:**

- Two full inspections annually at each facility
- Respond to all oral and written complaints
- Conduct a public information session for draft permits

- Due to the outcome of the Water Keepers decision, there may be additional differences.

Permit Timeline

- September 2005 – Hillbex Dairy submitted Permit to Install and Permit to Operate applications to the Ohio Department of Agriculture.
- September 2005 to September 2007 – Revisions made to permit applications to meet ODA Rules.

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