**Dust Management Plan**

**Lower Pyethorns Farm Poultry Unit**

**Overview**

In the planning of the construction of the site layout consideration has been given siting main operational activities away from the nearest receptors to the south of the site. Prevailing wind is from the southwest.

The following plan has been prepared as part of the EPR permit application.

The following tables highlight the likely sources of dust arising from poultry pullet production at Lower Pyethorns Farm Poultry Unit.

Actions and measures are listed that will prevent where possible or minimise dust emissions at Lower Pyethorns Farm Poultry Unit.

Site plan shows all material storage areas and potential dust emission sources.

Plan to be reviewed every year from permit issue date, prior to any major changes to operations (to ensure effectiveness) or following any complaint, any changes to DMP or other management plans to be documented dated and signed and Area Officer notified.

Actions and preventative measures in DMP referenced from Bioaerosol Assessment Document and Fugitive Emissions Assessment in line with the H1 Risk Assessment, to be implemented in conjunction with the following key documents;

Emergency Plan

Technical Standards

Routine Maintenance Schedule

Key responsibility for the DMP and the referenced plans are the Operator or deputies who have been briefed on the requirements.

The table below lists receptors within 100m of the boundary

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| Receptor Name | Description | Distance | Orientation | National Grid Reference |
| Staff Farm Cottage | Residential |  20m | North | 378888,456754 |
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| **Dust Related Issue**  | **Potential Risks and Problems**  | **Actions taken to minimise dust risks at Lowr Pyethorns Farm Poultry Unit** | **Completion date**  |
| Feed delivery and storageManufacture and selection of feed  | Release of dust when filling silosMilling and mixing of compound feeds.  | Silo vents fitted with dust cyclones preventing dust release to atmosphereAny spillage of feed around the bin is immediately swept up. The condition of feed bins is checked frequently so that any damage or leaks can be identified. Feed deliveries are monitored to avoid dust and spills. No on-site milling and mixing, weighing only in sealed sheds.Feed drops minimised and hoppers covered Feed specifications are prepared by the feed compounder’s nutrition specialist. Feed is supplied only from UKAS accredited feed mills, so that only approved raw materials are used. Use of pelleted feed | In place In placeIn placeIn placeIn placeIn placeIn place |
| Ventilation and heatingSystems  | Inadequate air movement in the houseExtraction fans located close to sensitive receptors. | Use of extraction fans to aid dispersion checked prior to cycle commencement by qualified electrician who will provide 24hr breakdown coverPoultry houses located downwind of nearest receptorsThe ventilation and heating system is regularly adjusted to match the age and requirements of the flock.Humidity recorded daily and maintained in the range of 55 – 65% keeping a balance of dry litter and avoiding dust production.Stock inspections carried out by trained staff to avoid panicking birds creating dust. | In placeIn placeIn placeIn place |
| Litter management | Dust arising from litter (see above). | Controls on feed and ventilation (see above) help to maintain litter quality.Stocking levels at optimum to prevent overcrowding.Use of veterinarian bespoke health plan.  | In place |
| Carcase disposal | Inadequate storage of carcasses on site | Carcasses placed into plastic sealed bags, stored in sealed, shaded and vermin proof containers away from sensitive receptors.  | In place |
| House clean out | Creation of dust associated with litter removal from houses | Houses sealed immediately following depletion of birds. Minimum ventilation employed during de-littering, houses sealed immediately following de-littering awaiting washing.Litter carefully placed into trailers positioned close to doors.Trailers sheeted before leaving fill position.Litter out carried out within 24 hours following destocking per house (72 hours total for site) | In placeIn placeIn place |
| Used litter | Transport of litter to third party. | All trailers sheeted before leaving fill position.Avoidance of double handling. | In place |
| Fugitive emissions | Leaks to doors, bin pipes, feed bins | Checks to feed storage and fill pipes as per routine maintenance schedule. | In place |

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Plan to be reviewed every four years or following a substantiated complaint, with Area officer being notified of any changes for approval.

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