

Statewide

Ohio EPA Permit No. OHT000003

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Program

**PUBLIC NOTICE and HEARING
FOR
THE DRAFT GENERAL NPDES PERMIT FOR
TEMPORARY DISCHARGES**

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Public notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) Division of Surface Water has issued a draft renewal for the general permit authorization to discharge wastewater from temporary discharges.

Temporary discharges may be associated with some type of facility or site cleanup, or one-time emergency discharge due to unusual or short-term circumstances, or discharges from a pilot project or test facility. The type of pollutants found in temporary discharges may be quite variable due to the differences in projects. Flow rates can be different depending on the size of the project. All discharges under this renewal must be less than 65 mg/l for total suspended solids and less than 10 mg/l for oil and grease.

Discharges must also meet water quality standard-based limits and Best Available Demonstrated Control Technology-based limits for all other pollutants. In addition, temporary discharges are defined as facilities or projects that discharge for a time period not to exceed 60 days. Given the short duration of discharges and the limits listed above, Ohio EPA is determining these discharges to be de minimis.

This permit renewal of general permit OHT000003 will be subject to the requirements of Ohio's anti-degradation rule (Ohio Administrative Code 3745-1-05). The general permit is proposed for a duration of five years.

Copies of the draft general NPDES permit and the associated fact sheet and documentation can be obtained on the Ohio EPA-DSW web page at http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/permits/GP_TemporaryDischarges.aspx or by contacting one of the following Ohio EPA district offices:

Southeast District Office	(740) 385-8501
Southwest District Office	(937) 285-6357
Northwest District Office	(419) 352-8461
Northeast District Office	(330) 963-1200
Central District Office	(614) 728-3778

Ohio EPA will hold a public information session and public hearing relative to issues of lower water quality at 3:00 p.m. on May 23, 2017 at Ohio EPA's Central Office, Conference Room A, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio 43215. The public hearing will end when all interested parties have had an opportunity to provide testimony related to the draft permit.

All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented and give written or oral comments on the draft permit. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain additional information that will be considered by the Director of Ohio EPA prior to any further action on the draft permit.

In accordance with OAC 3745-1-05, Ohio EPA will provide an opportunity for public comment concerning this draft general permit. Comments received shall be considered by the Director before the draft permit is issued as final. Persons wishing to be on the Ohio EPA's interested parties mailing list for this project or wishing to submit comments for Ohio EPA's consideration may do so in writing to Ohio EPA Division of Surface Water, Attention: Eric Nygaard c/o Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049. Comments must be received by 5 p.m. on May 30, 2017. Comments received after this date may not be considered as part of the official record.