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PUBLIC NOTICE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
DRAFT SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN

Notice is hereby given that, in accordance with OCR 3734.55 (D), the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) has issued a draft solid waste management plan for the Belmont/Jefferson Solid Waste Authority and is seeking public comment.

Among other things, ORC 3734.53 (A) specifies that solid waste management plans demonstrate access to adequate solid waste management capacity for ten years and compliance with the recycling goals contained in the [State Solid Waste Management Plan](#) (State Plan).

The solid waste management plan prepared by Ohio EPA directs the Belmont/Jefferson Solid Waste Authority to: open an office for the solid waste management authority and hire a full-time coordinator; establish a curbside recycling program in a single community in one of the two counties and determine the feasibility to establish another curbside recycling program in a single community in the opposite county; provide for 34 sites where residential and commercial recyclables can be dropped off for recycling; provide paper collections for recycling to schools, government institutions, and commercial businesses; conduct education and awareness programs for the public, industry and the schools; and establish a funding mechanism for implementation of the solid waste management plan.

A public comment period has been established that will run until **November 28, 2003**.

Written comments should be sent to the attention of [Kevin Shoemaker](#) at the Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049. All comments received by close of business on November 28, 2003 will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to finalizing the Belmont/Jefferson Solid Waste Authority solid waste management plan and prior to the Director's issuance of final findings and orders in accordance with ORC 3734.55 (D). Written comments submitted after this date may be considered as time and circumstances permit.

Ohio EPA may schedule one or more public information sessions at a future date based on the amount of written comments received during the public comment period.

Questions regarding the solid waste management plan for the Belmont/Jefferson Solid Waste Authority should be directed to [Kevin Shoemaker](#), at the Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management, at (614) 728-5370.

Copies of the Belmont/Jefferson Solid Waste Authority solid waste management plan prepared by Ohio EPA are available for review at:

Martins Ferry Public Library
20 James Wright Place
Martins Ferry, OH

Public Library of Steubenville
407 South 4th Street
Steubenville, OH

In addition, a copy is available for review at the Ohio EPA Central Office.