

**Date of Public Notice: December 10, 2009**

**Cuyahoga County**

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ISSUANCE OF PROPOSED NPDES PERMIT MODIFICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that on December 10, 2009, the Director of the Environmental Protection Agency will issue a proposed National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit modification to First Energy Generation Corporation, 6800 Marginal Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44103. First Energy is requesting a modification of mercury and copper limitations in Part I.A. of the NPDES permit for outfall 002 for the Lake Shore Plant located at 6800 Marginal Road, Cleveland, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. "Proposed Actions" are written statements of the Director's intent with respect to the issuance, denial, modification, revocation, or renewal of a permit, license or variance. Interested persons may submit written comments regarding proposed actions.

The discharges from the facility, if approved, would result in degradation to, or lowering of, the water quality of Lake Erie. However, the chemical-specific water quality criteria developed to protect aquatic life and human health, set forth in OAC 3745-1-07, will not be exceeded.

In accordance with OAC 3745-1-05, Ohio EPA will provide an opportunity for public comment concerning this project. Comments received shall be considered by the Director before the proposed action is issued as final. A public hearing has been scheduled for 6:30 P.M. on January 21, 2010 at the Horizon Science Academy, 6000 South Marginal Road, Cleveland, Ohio 44103. The public hearing will end when everyone in attendance has had an opportunity to provide testimony related to the project.

All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented and give written or oral comments on the project. 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 proposed permit modification. Persons wishing to 1) be on Ohio EPA's interested parties mailing list for this project, or 2) submit comments for Ohio EPA's consideration must do so in writing to Ohio EPA-DSW, Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43126-1049 by the close of business on January 28, 2010. Comments received after this date may not be considered as part of the official record of this hearing.

Copies of the pending NPDES modification application, proposed permit and technical support information may be reviewed and/or copies made at Ohio EPA's Northeast District Office, 2110 East Aurora Road, Twinsburg, Ohio 44807, by first calling (330)963-1200 to make an appointment.