

Registration Form

Please fax this form to (330) 487-0769 by the deadline noted for each focus group. Or you can e-mail all of the requested information on the form to

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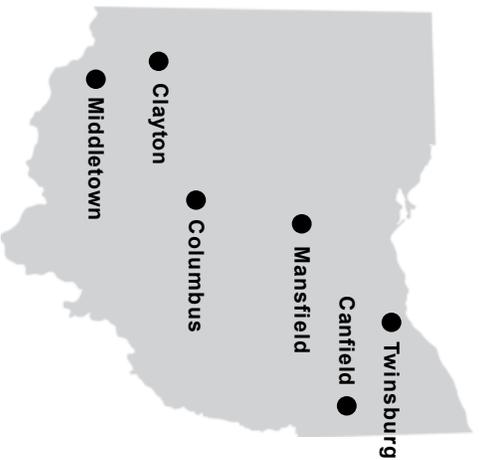
Reservations are required, so we can plan accordingly for our staff and location limitations. If you do not receive an e-mail or paper confirmation within one week after registering, please contact Adrienne La Favre at (330) 963-1250.

I will attend the focus group on:

- July 9, Twinsburg (deadline 7/3)
Circle Session: 10a.m.-12p.m. 1-3p.m.
- July 22, Mansfield (deadline 7/18)
Circle Session: 9:30-11:30a.m. 1-3p.m.
- July 28, Canfield (deadline 7/23)
Circle Session: 9-11a.m. 1-3p.m.
- August 7, Columbus (deadline 8/4)
Circle Session: 9-11a.m. 1-3p.m.
- August 13, Clayton (deadline 8/8)
Circle Session: 9-11a.m. 1-3p.m.
- August 20, Middletown (deadline 8/15)
Circle Session: 9-11a.m. 1-3p.m.

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Registration forms are also available at www.epa.state.oh.us/ocapp/ocapp.html.



Focus Group Details

Twelve focus group sessions are scheduled in July and August. Each session will last approximately two hours. The focus groups sessions will be held in the following locations:

General Services Building,
4200 Surface Road, Columbus, OH 43228

Mansfield/Richland County Public Library,
43 West Third St., Mansfield, OH 44902

McMahon Hall, 7574 Columbiana Canfield Rd.,
Canfield, OH 44406

Twinsburg Library, 10050 Ravenna Rd.,
Twinsburg, OH 44087

Miami Valley Career Technology Center,
6800 Hoke Road, Clayton, OH 45315

Middletown Campus of Miami University,
4200 North University Blvd.,
Middletown, OH 45042

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If You Know About
Environmental Insurance
or
Are Involved in Brownfield
Redevelopment —

Ohio EPA NEEDS
YOUR INPUT!



Please attend a focus group session to help Ohio EPA develop an insurance program that will address your environmental risk concerns.

What is the Voluntary Action Program?

Ohio's Voluntary Action Program (VAP) was created in September 1994 to give companies a way to investigate possible environmental contamination, clean it up if necessary and receive a promise from the State of Ohio that no more cleanup is needed.

Prior to the creation of the VAP, cleanup standards were unclear. As a result, valuable land sat idle because fears of immense liability and cleanup costs scared off potential developers, businesses and banks. Some developers abandoned plans to clean up their contaminated properties because Ohio EPA, which must focus its efforts on the worst sites, did not have resources to provide guidance or oversight for their projects. Ohio recognized the need to remove the environmental and legal barriers that stalled redevelopment and reuse of contaminated properties. The VAP was created to address this need.

Help Design an Environmental Insurance Program

Ohio EPA is researching the development of a program to provide discounted environmental insurance for brownfield properties that are being addressed under the VAP. The Agency needs input so it can tailor an environmental insurance product to the needs of brownfield owners and others with an interest in the cleanup of the site.

Attend a Focus Group

The Agency is hosting 12 focus groups this summer to gauge participants' interest, understanding and experience with insurance for environmental projects. Public entities, insurers, brokers, developers, certified professionals, banks and others involved in brownfield redevelopment are invited to participate in the focus groups.

During the focus group sessions, Ohio EPA wants to determine what types of coverages should be contained in a standardized environmental insurance policy for VAP sites. Participants will be asked to provide information about the greatest risk concerns they have when cleaning up and redeveloping a brownfield. Ohio EPA is specifically interested in risk concerns that are not covered by a VAP covenant not to sue, such as third party liability, unknown conditions and business interruption.

Based on participant input, Ohio EPA would design a basic, standardized policy that should fit the needs of most users. For users who have additional risk concerns, the VAP insurance program will also provide the flexibility to include add-on coverages to meet the specific needs of individual properties.

Ohio EPA's VAP will design educational materials, such as a risk evaluation checklist, to help potential insurance purchasers determine the coverages they may want. These materials will also contain other information that can be helpful when considering environmental insurance.



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Questions?

Contact Nancy Zikmanis at (330) 963-1160 or nancy.zikmanis@epa.state.oh.us.