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## **Ohio EPA to Hold Public Meeting Regarding Former Kilgore Manufacturing Site**

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency will host an informational meeting regarding the cleanup of the former Kilgore Manufacturing property located at 600 N. Spring Road in Westerville. **The meeting will be held on Tuesday, June 7, at 6:30p.m. at the Westerville North High School auditorium.** The meeting is open to the public.

At the meeting, representatives from Ohio EPA will give a brief presentation explaining the history of the site; discuss previous and future site investigations; and discuss the process for selecting a final clean-up remedy for the site. An informal question and answer session will follow the presentation.

In addition to representatives from Ohio EPA, representatives from Otterbein University (which currently owns the property) and their environmental consultants will be present.

### **Site Background**

In 1941, in response to the needs of the Army Chemical Warfare Service for World War II, Kilgore Manufacturing purchased the 111-acre former farm site for conversion to a pyrotechnics and ordnance manufacturing facility. After World War II, Kilgore Manufacturing made toy cap guns and pyrotechnics for public use and illuminating flares for civilian and military use until 1961, when the facility closed.

In 1962, the property was donated to Otterbein College. Otterbein has completed development of roughly 70 acres, which now houses the university's equine science field operations. The remaining 40 acres includes areas known to be used for waste disposal by Kilgore Manufacturing. Eight specific areas of concern will be the focus of future site investigations and clean-up remedies.

### **More information**

Several background documents related to the site can be found online at:  
[www.epa.ohio.gov/pic/kilgore.aspx](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/pic/kilgore.aspx)

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