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Ohio EPA Issues AMP-Ohio Permit

Ohio EPA has issued a final wastewater discharge permit associated with AMP-Ohio's proposed coal-fired power plant in Letart Falls (Meigs County). Ohio EPA considered comments from the public and the applicant, as well as technical, social, economic and environmental aspects of the project prior to issuing the final permit.

Ohio EPA held a public information session and hearing at Southern Elementary School in Racine on August 5, 2008, to take public comments on a draft permit for wastewater discharges and a solid waste permit-to-install for a new landfill.

AMP-Ohio's proposed landfill would be located on Hill Road between State Route 124 and East Letart Road. It would accept flyash, bottom ash and possibly gypsum from the power plant. There would be water discharges of pollutants from the treatment facility serving the landfill and the power plant. The landfill also would have several sedimentation ponds to control erosion and remove sediment from storm water runoff. Additionally, there would be discharges of cooling water from the power plant and an earthen impoundment (lagoon) used to dispose of sediment dredged from the river.

The wastewater discharge permit limits discharges of pollutants into the Ohio River and its tributaries. The permit also includes requirements for the cooling water intake structure. The discharges may result in a change from current water quality conditions, but they cannot cause violations of water quality standards that protect human health and the environment. The Agency's review of the discharge permit application ensures that discharges from the project will comply with Ohio's water quality standards, other applicable discharge standards and federal requirements for cooling water intake structures.

Issuance of the permit can be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission (ERAC). Many appeals must be filed within 30 days of issuing the final action; therefore, Ohio EPA recommends that anyone wishing to file an appeal contact ERAC at (614) 466-8950 for more information. Copies of the wastewater discharge permit, pending solid waste permit-to-install application and other technical support information are available for review at Ohio EPA's Southeast District Office, 2195 Front Street, Logan by first calling (740) 385-8501. Ohio EPA also intends to make AMP-Ohio's wastewater treatment/disposal system permit-to-install available, once it has been submitted.

More information is online at: www.epa.state.oh.us/pic/amp-ohio.html

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