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Ohio EPA to Hold Hearing, Accept Public Comments about Draft Air Permit for Apex Landfill

Ohio EPA has issued a draft air permit-to-install to Apex Environmental, LLC and scheduled a December 7, 2009 public hearing. The company applied for a permit to account for increased air emissions that would be created by its proposed increase in the waste acceptance rate at Apex Sanitary Landfill in Jefferson and Harrison counties. The landfill is located at 11 County Road 78, one mile north of State Route 646 in Amsterdam (Springfield Township).

The Agency will hold an information session and public hearing specific to the draft air permit-to-install on Monday, December 7, 2009, at 6 p.m., in the cafeteria of John Gregg Elementary School (212 County Highway 75A, Bergholz). During the information session, representatives from Ohio EPA's Division of Air Pollution Control will briefly explain and answer questions regarding the draft air permit. During the hearing, which immediately follows the information session, the public can submit comments for the record about the draft air permit. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain additional information that will be considered before Ohio EPA issues or denies a final air permit.

The draft air permit establishes emission limits at the landfill to ensure compliance with federal and state clean air standards and protect public health. The draft air permit would establish emission limits for the flare which is designed to control emissions captured by the facility's landfill gas collection system. The draft air permit also would limit particulate (fugitive dust) emissions related to the facility's unpaved roadways, parking areas, material handling and rail unloading areas.

The December 7 meeting will focus on the company's draft air permit. The public comment period for the company's pending draft solid waste permit ended on July 23, 2009, following a July 9, 2009 public hearing. The solid waste permit application is currently in the final stages of review by Ohio EPA's technical staff.

Agency staff extensively reviewed the technical aspects of both the solid waste permit and air permit applications and then issued draft permits after determining that each application met the requirements of Ohio's environmental laws and rules.

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After all public comments on the draft air permit are received and reviewed, the Agency's technical staff will forward both the draft air permit and draft solid waste permit to the Ohio EPA Director for his final review.

Citizens are encouraged to review the draft air permit prior to the December 7 public hearing. A copy of the draft air permit is available for review online at http://wwwapp.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/permits_issued/310556.pdf and at Ohio EPA's Southeast District Office (2195 Front Street in Logan) by first calling (740) 385-8501 or (800) 686-7330 to schedule a file review.

In addition to oral comments about the draft air permit provided at the December 7 public meeting, Ohio EPA will equally consider written comments received through December 14, 2009. Interested parties can send comments to Ohio EPA, Division of Air Pollution Control, Southeast District Office, 2195 Front Street, Logan, Ohio, 43138.

Copies of the draft solid waste permit also are available at Ohio EPA's Southeast District Office. Interested parties may write to Ohio EPA at the Logan address for more information about either permit.