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Ohio EPA Finalizes Modification to AMP Air Permit

Ohio EPA has finalized an administrative modification to the air permit-to-install originally issued on February 7, 2008, to American Municipal Power (AMP), formerly known as AMP-Ohio, for its proposed coal-fired power plant along State Route 124 in Letart Falls (Meigs County).

Ohio EPA held a public information session and hearing on June 2, 2009, to accept public comments related to the draft administrative modification that the Agency issued on April 30, 2009. Ohio EPA considered these public comments and additional information from AMP before issuing the final modification. Changes from the draft administrative modification include lowered emissions limits and additional monitoring requirements.

The final administrative modification was issued to add case-by-case maximum achievable control technology (MACT) requirements and require AMP to install a carbon injection system to limit the emissions of hazardous air pollutants from the proposed facility's two coal-fired utility boilers. Emission limits are set to ensure compliance with federal and state clean air standards and protect public health.

Like many other projects at facilities nationwide, AMP's proposed project became subject to the MACT requirements due to federal court actions that occurred after February 2008 (when Ohio EPA issued the company an air permit-to-install). This permit is currently under appeal at the Ohio Environmental Review Appeals Commission (ERAC).

Issuance of the administrative modification also can be appealed to 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 or www.erac.ohio.gov for more information.

Copies of AMP's approved permits and other related information are available for review online at www.epa.ohio.gov/pic/ampohio.aspx and at Ohio EPA's Southeast District Office, 2195 Front Street, Logan, by first calling (740) 385-8501 or Ohio EPA's Central Office, 50 West Town Street, Columbus, by first calling the Division of Air Pollution Control at (614) 644-2270.

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