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## **Ohio EPA to Hold Public Hearing on Suburban Landfill's Proposed Perry Co. Expansion**

Ohio EPA will hold a public meeting on Wed., Dec. 14, 2011, at 6 p.m., to discuss the proposed expansion of Suburban Landfill located at 3415 Twp. Rd. 447, just south of Brownville on S.R. 668 and east of Thornville off Interstate 70. The landfill is in Hopewell Township in Perry County. The information session will be held at the Glenford Elementary Cafetorium, at 128 High St. in Glenford.

During the information session, Ohio EPA representatives will explain the proposed expansion and answer questions. Ohio EPA places a high priority on public involvement and encourages citizens to become involved in the decision-making process.

The company submitted a solid waste permit application in Aug. 2007 and held an applicant's meeting in Sept. 2007 to explain the proposed landfill expansion. Before issuing a draft permit, Ohio EPA will need to finish its review of the technical aspects of the application and determine that it meets the requirements of state and federal solid waste rules. Permit conditions would be established to ensure compliance with environmental laws and to protect public health and safety.

The company proposes an 80-acre lateral and vertical expansion at its 688-acre facility. This would bring the landfill's footprint to 178 acres. (Currently, the landfill's developed footprint is 84 acres, though it has been previously approved to occupy 98 acres.) The company also proposes an increase of 18.7 million cubic yards of airspace which would bring the landfill's approved capacity to 41.5 million cubic yards. (Currently, the landfill's filled volume is approximately 13 cubic yards, though it was previously approved to occupy 22.8 million cubic yards.)

The company proposes to maintain its authorized maximum daily waste receipt of 5,000 tons. If the landfill took in that amount of waste per day, it would take 17.7 years to fill. However, at the anticipated average of 1,500 tons of waste per day, the life expectancy of the landfill is estimated at about 59 years.

The landfill design includes a composite liner; leachate collection (i.e., the water that has come in contact with buried landfill wastes); surface water management; ground water monitoring; and final closure cap. The permit also would incorporate 30 years of post-closure care and financial assurance for closure and post-closure care.

In addition to a solid waste permit, the company will need to apply for and receive a modified air permit for unpaved roadways and parking areas and the municipal solid waste landfill based on the waste acceptance rate requirements for landfill gas collection and control. Additionally, the company will need to revise its wastewater discharge permit to cover additional stormwater discharges to unnamed tributaries of Jonathan Creek. The permit limits discharges of pollutants to waters of the state. 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.

If and when the solid waste permit is issued draft, Ohio EPA would return to the community to host a public hearing during which citizens could officially put comments on the record regarding the proposed landfill expansion. Ohio EPA would equally consider written comments received through the close of an established public comment period.

Copies of the solid waste application and related materials are available for review at Ohio EPA's Southeast District Office (2195 Front Street, Logan, Ohio 43138) by first calling (740) 385-8501 or (800) 686-7330. Interested parties also may write to Ohio EPA at the Logan address for more information.