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**Ohio EPA, U.S. EPA, PUCO and Utilities Discuss  
New Air Pollution Controls for Power Plants**

Today, Ohio EPA met with representatives from U.S. EPA, the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio, American Electric Power, Duke Energy, Dayton Power and Light, and First Energy to discuss how new rules requiring utilities to reduce air pollutant emissions will be implemented in the state of Ohio.

On April 16, 2012, U.S. EPA finalized the Mercury and Air Toxics Standards (MATS) rule, which requires the application of maximum achievable control technology (MACT) standards to reduce air pollutants from power plants. Utilities have three years, until April 16, 2015, to install the new air pollution controls and comply with the rule. However, utilities may request, and states may grant, the companies up to one extra year to install the new controls or replace sources.

“Ohio EPA is working with U.S. EPA, PUCO and the state’s utilities to ensure that these companies have the time needed to properly install new pollution controls,” said Ohio EPA Director Scott J. Nally. “We will review each request for more time and grant extra time to companies that have legitimately documented the need.”

Ohio EPA, with an approved Title V air permit program and delegated authorization to enforce the U.S. EPA MACT standards, has the sole authority to grant utilities up to an extra year to comply with these federal standards.

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