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Ohio EPA to Hold Hearing about Draft Solid Waste Permit for DP&L's Proposed Carter Hollow Landfill in Adams County

Ohio EPA will hold a public hearing on April 5, 2012, to accept comments about a draft solid waste permit issued to the Dayton Power and Light Company (DP&L) related to its proposed Carter Hollow Landfill, located off Ginger Ridge Rd., north of U.S. 52 and east of Co. Rd. 11 in Sprigg Township, Adams County.

Public Hearing

The information session and public hearing will be held at 6 p.m. at the Manchester Community Center (400 Pike St., Manchester). Ohio EPA places a high priority on public involvement and encourages citizens to become involved in the decision-making process. During the information session, Ohio EPA will explain the draft permit and answer questions about it. During the hearing, the public can submit comments for the record that will be considered before Ohio EPA issues or denies the final permit.

After receiving the company's application, Ohio EPA held an information session March 28, 2011, in Manchester to answer the public's questions about the proposed landfill. Ohio EPA has since finished reviewing the application and determined it meets the requirements of Ohio's environmental laws and solid waste rules.

Proposed Landfill Details

DP&L proposes to construct and operate a residual waste management facility to primarily accept flue-gas desulfurization gypsum from DP&L's J.M. Stuart and Killen Stations. DP&L also is considering disposing of dry coal ash (fly ash and bottom ash).

DP&L proposes a capacity of approximately 15 million cubic yards (approximately 20 million tons); a maximum height of approximately 87 feet above Ginger Ridge Rd.; and a waste placement footprint of approximately 73 acres. The facility's footprint is approximately 245 acres. At 695,000 to 835,000 tons of waste disposal per year, DP&L projects the life of the landfill to be 25-30 years.

The landfill design includes a multi-component liner system and systems for leachate collection and disposal (i.e., the water that has come into contact with buried landfill wastes); surface water management; ground water monitoring; and final closure cap. The permit also would incorporate 15 years of post-closure care and financial assurance for closure and post-closure care.

Related Permits

Related to this project, Ohio EPA previously issued the company a water quality certification, a general storm water permit for discharges from the ponds during the construction period and final air permits for this project. DP&L also has applied to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a Section 404 permit. Additionally, Ohio EPA included conditions in DP&L's revised draft wastewater discharge [permit](#) to address the proposed landfill leachate and sediment pond discharges to Buzzard's Roost Creek. Mercury would be limited to 12 parts per trillion in the discharge and the company would have a compliance schedule to evaluate treatment options for mercury and other metals in the leachate. Based on comments received at the Feb. 2 wastewater discharge hearing and by the close of the comment period Feb. 6, Ohio EPA is deciding whether to issue or deny DP&L a final wastewater discharge permit.

Public Comments

In addition to oral comments about the draft solid waste permit provided at the April 5 public meeting, Ohio EPA will equally consider written comments received through April 12, 2012. Interested parties can send comments to Ohio EPA, Division of Materials and Waste Management, Processing and Records Management Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, OH 43216-1049.

More Information

Copies of the draft solid waste permit 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.