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Statewide

PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF ISSUANCE
OF
DRAFT GENERAL NPDES PERMIT
FOR
HOUSEHOLD SEWAGE TREATMENT SYSTEMS

Public notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA)–Division of Surface Water (DSW) has issued a draft general National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit No. OHL000002 that may provide coverage to discharges from select household sewage treatment systems (HSTS) serving one, two or three family dwellings or other residential dwellings as defined by Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3701-29 in the state of Ohio. The draft general NPDES permit was issued on June 12, 2013. The Ohio EPA-DSW has developed this draft general NPDES permit through consultation with the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) and in conjunction with anticipated revisions to OAC 3701-29: Household Sewage Treatment Rules through requirements established by Ohio Revised Code 3718.

The issuance of this draft general NPDES permit addresses the renewal of the existing NPDES Permit No. OHL000001 which expires on June 30, 2013. The issuance of general HSTS Permit No. OHL000001 addressed potential new or increased discharges of pollutants to waters of the state or a lowering of water quality/degradation to these receiving waters. However, chemical-specific water quality criteria developed to protect aquatic life and human health, set forth in OAC 3745-1, are not to be exceeded. In accordance with OAC 3745-1-05, an antidegradation review was conducted during the development of the general permit to determine the appropriateness and magnitude of coverage under the general permit and the associated potential lowering of water quality. Draft general NPDES Permit No. OHL000002 does not allow or expand the universe of potential new or increased discharges contemplated under general NPDES Permit No. OHL000001 and, therefore, an additional review under the provisions of OAC 3745-1-05 is not necessary in issuing this renewal general NPDES permit.

Copies of the draft general NPDES permit, its associated fact sheet and and further documentation can be obtained on the Ohio EPA-DSW web page at <http://epa.ohio.gov/dsw/permits/gpfact.aspx> or by contacting one of the following Ohio EPA district offices:

Southeast District Office	(740) 385-8501
Southwest District Office	(937) 285-6357
Northwest District Office	(419) 352-8461
Northeast District Office	(330) 963-1200
Central District Office	(614) 728-3778

Persons wishing to be on the Ohio EPA's interested parties mailing list for this project or wishing to submit comments for Ohio EPA's consideration may do so in writing to Ohio EPA's Division of Surface Water, Attention: Mark Stump, Permits and Compliance Section, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Comments should be submitted related to this permit by July 12, 2013.