

PUBLIC NOTICE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY
APPROVAL OF THE REDUCTION OF THE BOUNDARY
FOR THE CITY OF MANSFIELD URBAN SETTING DESIGNATION
Mansfield, Richland County, Ohio

Public notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has received, on February 3, 2014, a request to reduce the size of previously approved City of Mansfield Urban Setting Designation (Mansfield USD) boundary from approximately 1,641 acres to approximately 1,148 acres of land located in the City of Mansfield, Richland County. This request for reduction for the Mansfield USD was submitted by McCabe Engineering Corporation (MEC), on behalf of the original Applicant, the City of Mansfield.

Pursuant to Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-300, Ohio's Voluntary Action Program (VAP) allows for the voluntary clean up of contaminated property in Ohio without the risk of state civil liability. Under VAP, ground water cleanup is required where contaminated ground water poses risks to the community or environment.

A USD may be requested for properties participating in the VAP when there is no current or anticipated future use of ground water by local residents for drinking, showering, bathing or cooking or other potable purposes on or immediately adjacent to the USD property boundary in accordance with OAC Rule 3745-300-10(C). In these areas, an approved USD may lower the cost of cleanup and promote economic redevelopment while still protecting public health and safety.

A public notice regarding the proposed reduction in the Mansfield USD boundary was published on May 5, 2014 in the Mansfield News-Journal and in the Ohio EPA Weekly Review. On August 14, 2014 the Ohio EPA director approved the request to reduce the boundary of the Mansfield USD based on a demonstration by the certified professional that the USD requirements set forth in OAC Rule 3745-300-10(C)(1)(a) through (e) and 10(C)(2)(e) are met for the revised Mansfield USD boundary area and an evaluation of existing or future uses of ground water in the area has been assessed.

Information regarding the revised Mansfield USD may be obtained by contacting Ghassan Tafla at Ghassan.tafla@epa.ohio.gov or by calling Ohio EPA Northwest District Office at (419) 352-8461.