

PUBLIC NOTICE
Ohio EPA Issues Decision Document for
Hilltop Landfill, Ellsworth Township, Ohio

On September 10, 2014, Ohio EPA finalized a Decision Document identifying the selected alternative to remediate contamination at the Hilltop Landfill site (site) located north of U.S. Route 224 in Ellsworth Township (approximately 1.5 miles west of Canfield), Mahoning County, Ohio. The Decision Document summarizes the history of, and the investigation into contamination at the site, provides an analysis of the feasibility of remedial alternatives, and outlines Ohio EPA's selected alternative for remediation.

The Hilltop Landfill (aka Old Toth Landfill) is located on approximately 20 acres and was formerly a coal strip mine. The landfill operated between 1969 and 1976 and accepted household, commercial, agricultural, light industrial, institutional and construction wastes. Contaminants include ammonia, volatile organic compounds and semi-volatile organic compounds (including pesticides). Contamination in the form of leachate seeps is also entering a nearby unnamed creek.

The major components of the preferred remedial alternative include: landfill cover improvements, leachate collection system enhancements and associated long-term operation and maintenance, ground water monitoring, and activity and use limitations through an environmental covenant for the property related to site ground water and soil gas issues.

On April 14, 2014, Ohio EPA issued a Preferred Plan that outlined Ohio EPA's preferred alternative to remediate contamination at the site. A public meeting was held May 29, 2014, during which no public comments on the Preferred Plan were submitted. In addition, written comments on the Preferred Plan were accepted through June 6, 2014. The comments received by the Agency during the comment period are addressed in the Response to Comments Section included in the Decision Document.

The effective date of this final action is September 10, 2014. You are hereby notified that this action of the Director is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission pursuant to Section 3745.04 of the Ohio Revised Code. The appeal must be in writing and set forth the action complained of and the grounds upon which the appeal is based. The appeal must be filed with the Commission within thirty (30) days after notice of the Director's action. The appeal must be accompanied by a filing fee of \$70.00 made payable to "Ohio Treasurer," which the Commission, in its discretion, may reduce if by affidavit it is demonstrated that payment of the full amount of the fee would cause extreme hardship. Notice of the filing of the appeal shall be filed with the Director within three (3) days of filing with the Commission. Ohio EPA requests that a copy of the appeal be served upon the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Environmental Enforcement Section. An appeal may be filed with the Environmental

Review Appeals Commission at the Environmental Review Appeals Commission, 77 South High Street, 17th Floor, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

The Decision Document and related documents are also available for review at Ohio EPA's Northeast District Office by calling Nicole Patella at (330) 963-1200 for an appointment.