

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Program

**PUBLIC NOTICE
OF
ISSUANCE OF THE DRAFT GENERAL NPDES PERMIT AND PUBLIC HEARING
FOR
DISCHARGES FROM PESTICIDE APPLICATIONS**

Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Division of Surface Water, Permits Section
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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 that may potentially provide coverage for the application of a pesticide to target a pest that is present in, over or near of the U.S. in the State of Ohio.

This permit is mandated by federal court decisions. Pesticide application must have an NPDES permit beginning April 9, 2011, if they occur “in, over or near” surface waters. This includes applications to ditch banks and aerial spraying and fogging. The draft permit covers the same four pesticide use categories that the federal program covers: Mosquito and Other Aquatic Nuisance Insect Control, Aquatic Weed and Algae Control, Area-Wide Pest Control, and Aquatic Nuisance Animal Control.

Copies of the draft general NPDES permit and the associated fact sheet and documentation can be obtained on the Ohio EPA-DSW web page at www.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

Ohio EPA will hold a public hearing relative to the draft general NPDES permit at 10:30 a.m. on January 27, 2011 at the Ohio EPA Central Office, Conference Room C, 50 West Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216. The public hearing will end when all interested parties have had an opportunity to provide testimony related to the permit.

All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented and give written or oral comments on the draft permit. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain additional information that will be considered by the Director of Ohio EPA prior to any further action. 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: Eric Nygaard, Permits and Compliance Section, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049. Comments should be submitted in person or by mail no later than February 3, 2011. Comments received after this date may not be considered as part of the official record of this hearing.