

Statewide

Ohio EPA Permit No. OHU000006

National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Program

**PUBLIC NOTICE
OF DRAFT GENERAL NPDES PERMIT
FOR PETROLEUM-RELATED CORRECTIVE ACTIONS**

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 renewal of the general National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit for discharges of petroleum related corrective actions in the state of Ohio.

Applicants under this permit include facilities discharging wastewater from petroleum-related corrective actions to a receiving stream. Petroleum-related Corrective Actions are defined as ground and/or surface water from remediation systems; surface and/or ground water accumulating as a result of excavation activity; surface water and ground water contaminated by spills, or ground water resulting from pumping and/or monitoring aquifers. All of these discharges are resulting from any corrective actions involving aboveground or underground storage tanks used to store gasoline, diesel fuel, kerosene, jet fuel, or heating oil, or the transportation of these materials.

New dischargers covered by this permit are considered degradations under Ohio's Antidegradation Rule [OAC Rule 3745-1-05], because they permit discharges of pollutants that may not currently be reaching surface waters of the state. As dischargers under this permit are clean-ups of groundwater from response action sites, they are excluded from the alternatives analysis and socio-economic justification requirements of this rule [OAC Rule 3745-1-05(D)(1)(d)].

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 http://epa.ohio.gov/dsw/permits/GP_PetroleumCorrectiveActions.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

In accordance with OAC 3745-1-05, Ohio EPA will provide an opportunity for public comment concerning this draft general permit. Comments received shall be considered by the Director before the draft permit is issued as final.

A public hearing has been scheduled for 3:00 p.m. on June 14, 2016 at Ohio EPA Central Office, Conference Room A, 50 West Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43216. The public hearing will end when everyone in attendance has had an opportunity to provide testimony related to the draft permit.

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: Permits Processing, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049 by the close of business on June 21, 2016. Comments received after this date may not be considered as part of the official record of this hearing.