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**Ohio EPA Accepting Comments About Rumpke Draft Air Permit  
For New Pollution Control Equipment**  
*Hearing Set For May 27, 2010*

Ohio EPA will hold an information session and public hearing regarding a draft air permit for a thermal oxidizer at Montauk Energy. The thermal oxidizer is located at the Rumpke Landfill, 10795 Hughes Road, Colerain Township. The hearing will be 6:30 p.m., May 27, 2010, at the Colerain Community and Senior Center, 4300 Springdale Road, Colerain Township.

The new equipment would replace an older, smaller thermal oxidizer and is designed to limit odors coming from the methane collection plant. The device would, however, have the potential to emit additional carbon monoxide and nitrogen oxides. The new thermal oxidizer would be limited to a maximum annual output of 69.77 tons per year of carbon monoxide and 16.52 tons per year of nitrogen oxides.

Four main areas at the landfill have been identified as generating odors. They include: waste that has not been covered with soil (otherwise known as the working face of the landfill); an ongoing subsurface fire; the composting area; and the methane recovery plant. The thermal oxidizer is designed to capture and control odors only associated with the methane recovery facility.

During the information session, Ohio EPA and Hamilton County officials will present information about the draft permit conditions and answer questions from the public. During the public hearing, which immediately follows, the public can testify for the official record regarding this draft air permit. Written comments regarding this draft permit carry the same weight as those presented in testimony. Written comments must be received no later than June 2, 2010. The information session and public hearing will only address the air permit related to the thermal oxidizer. Citizens with questions or concerns regarding the subsurface fire at Rumpke Landfill may contact Darla Peelle with Ohio EPA at (614) 644-2160.

Written comments about the draft air permit for the thermal oxidizer should be directed in writing to: Pete Sturdevant, Hamilton County Department of Environmental Services, 250 William Howard Taft Pkwy., Cincinnati, Ohio, 45219. Comments also can be made by phone during regular business hours, 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., by calling Pete Sturdevant at (513) 946-7777.

The draft permit is available at  
[http://wwwapp.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/permits\\_issued/357908.pdf](http://wwwapp.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/permits_issued/357908.pdf).

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