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Ohio EPA Meeting to Focus on Wetlands Impacts From Proposed Natural Gas Pipeline Repair

Potential wetland impacts from a proposed pipeline repair project in Stark County will be the focus of an April 19, 2011, Ohio EPA public meeting. The information session and public hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m., at the Navarre Village Hall, 27 W. Canal Street, Navarre.

The meeting will be an opportunity for citizens to ask questions and submit comments concerning an application submitted by East Ohio Gas Company to replace 150 feet of damaged natural gas pipeline located along the Tuscarawas River on the north side of Navarre.

To complete the needed repairs, East Ohio Gas Company is requesting to temporarily impact up to 0.073 acre of high-quality wetlands. The company would be required to preserve, restore or replace wetland resources to mitigate any approved impacts. Ohio EPA also will consider other alternatives resulting in lesser or no impacts to water quality.

Anyone wanting to discharge dredged or fill material to waters of the State must first obtain a water quality certification from Ohio EPA and a permit from the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Ohio EPA's review is to ensure the project will comply with Ohio's water quality standards.

The proposed project may result in a change from the current water quality conditions in the high quality wetland, but cannot violate Ohio's water quality standards that protect human health and the environment. Ohio EPA will consider the technical, economic, social and environmental aspects of the project before deciding to issue or deny a water quality certification.

Comments on the application may be presented at the hearing or submitted in writing to: Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, attn: Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049. The public comment period ends April 26, 2011.

The application (Ohio EPA ID #113723) and related materials are available for review by calling (614) 644-2001.

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