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Ohio EPA Schedules Meeting to Discuss Permit Modification for Titanium Dioxide Production Facility in Ashtabula

An Ashtabula company's request to modify its wastewater treatment and disposal system will be the focus of an April 27, 2011, Ohio EPA public meeting. The information session and public hearing will begin at 6:30 p.m. at the Ashtabula Township Hall (C.D. Ray Community Room), 2718 N. Ridge Road East, Ashtabula.

Ohio EPA is reviewing a permit modification request submitted by Millennium Inorganic Chemicals Inc. for its facility located at 2426 Middle Road. The company proposes to eliminate unnecessary overtreatment of non-contact cooling water by having it bypass the plant's clarifier and flow directly to the settling ponds and ultimately discharge to Lake Erie. Millennium's analytical data indicates no additional pollution would be discharged. To ensure the non-contact cooling water is properly managed, the company would install a water quality monitoring station.

If approved, the modified treatment process may result in a change from the current water quality conditions of Lake Erie, 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 the permit.

Comments on the permit modification application may be presented at the meeting or submitted in writing to: Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049. The public comment period ends May 4, 2011.

The application and related materials are available for review at Ohio EPA's Northeast District Office in Twinsburg by calling (330) 963-1200.

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