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Ohio EPA Sets Meeting on Discharge from Put-in-Bay Water Treatment Plant
Village Project Will Increase Capacity

Ohio EPA will host a public information session and hearing on Thursday, Aug. 18, 2011, about increasing wastewater discharges from the Put-in-Bay drinking water treatment plant. The increased discharge will result from a project to increase the plant's capacity.

At the meeting, Ohio EPA will present information, answer questions and accept public comments on a proposed permit-to-install for a new 50,000-gallon water treatment backwash holding tank and draft discharge permit modification to increase the wastewater discharge from the expanded plant. The meeting will begin at 4:30 p.m. at Put-in-Bay Town Hall, 431 Catawba St., in the South Bass Island village.

The two-phase expansion project would double the plant's drinking water treatment capacity to 864,000 gallons a day. Wastewater from the plant consists of backwash water from the treatment process and is discharged to Lake Erie.

Pollutant concentration limits would remain the same as in the plant's current discharge permit. The discharge cannot exceed chemical-specific water quality standards that protect wildlife, aquatic life and human health. Ohio EPA is required to consider technical, economic, social and environmental aspects of the proposed project.

Ohio EPA will accept written comments on the proposed permits through August 25, 2011. Anyone may submit comments or request to be on the mailing list for information. To comment or receive information on the application, write to: Division of Surface Water, Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049. The application and other related materials are available for review at Ohio EPA's Northwest District Office in Bowling Green by calling (419) 352-8461.

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