



Public Interest Center | P.O. Box 1049 | Columbus, OH | 43216-1049

FOR RELEASE: December 1, 2011
MEDIA CONTACT: Erin Strouse, (614) 644-2160
CITIZEN CONTACT: Jed Thorp, (614) 644-2160

Ohio EPA Issues Draft Permit Renewal for Vinton County Explosives Manufacturer

Ohio EPA has issued a draft renewal of a hazardous waste permit to the Austin Powder Company for its Red Diamond Plant, located at 430 Powder Plant Rd. in McArthur.

This Austin Powder facility manufactures and sells explosives to be used mainly in the mining and construction industries. In the process, Austin Powder generates hazardous waste. The permit that allows and regulates the treatment of this waste must periodically be renewed. The purpose of the renewal permit is to allow Austin Powder to continue treating reactive wastes that are generated during explosives production by open burning in the designated open burning area on site.

If Austin Powder's permit renewal application is deemed complete and meets appropriate standards, the permit may be issued final, allowing the company to continue treating waste on site.

Written comments about the draft renewal permit will be accepted through Dec. 5, 2011, at Ohio EPA, Division of Materials and Waste Management, Attn: Dustin Tschudy, Engineering, Remediation & Authorization Section, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, by fax at (614) 728-5315 or email at dmwmcomments@epa.state.oh.us.

Ohio EPA will carefully consider public comments before taking final action on the renewal permit. The Agency also will issue a response to the public comments received.

The draft renewal permit may be viewed [online](#); at the Herbert Wescoat Memorial Library, 120 N. Market St., McArthur (740-596-5691); Ohio EPA's Southeast District Office, 2195 Front St., Logan, by first calling (740) 385-8501; and Division of Materials and Waste Management, 50 West Town St., Suite 700, Columbus, by first calling (614) 644-2621.

-30-

www.epa.ohio.gov