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**Ohio EPA Meeting to Focus on Wetland Impacts
Related to Trumbull County Pipeline Replacement Project**

Potential wetland impacts associated with a proposed pipeline replacement project in Trumbull County's Braceville Township will be the focus of a Jan. 10, 2012, Ohio EPA public meeting. The information session and public hearing will begin at 6 p.m. at the main branch of the Warren-Trumbull County Public Library, 444 Mahoning Ave. NW, Warren.

The meeting will be an opportunity for citizens to ask questions and submit comments concerning an application submitted by Buckeye Partners L.P. to replace a section of petroleum pipeline near Eagle Creek. Inspecting and replacing the pipe would require excavating up to 0.2 acre of high-quality wetland. Buckeye Partners would perform onsite wetland restoration 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 Mahoning River watershed, 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 Jan. 20, 2012.

The application and related materials are available for review by calling (614) 644-2001.

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