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## **Public Invited to Comment on Discharge Permit Renewal for City of Warren**

The renewal of a discharge permit for the city of Warren's wastewater treatment plant will be the focus of a Jan. 12, 2012, Ohio EPA public hearing. The hearing will begin at 6 p.m. at the Warren G. Harding High School, 860 Elm Road NE in Warren. The hearing and public comment period will end after all attendees have had the opportunity to testify on the record concerning the draft discharge permit renewal.

If issued final, the permit renewal would allow the Warren Water Pollution Control Facility to continue discharging treated effluent to the Mahoning River. The permit would be in effect for five years.

The draft permit prohibits the city from accepting, treating and discharging brine wastewater from shale gas drilling, exploration or production. Earlier this year, Ohio EPA informed the city it would not reauthorize this activity. Warren's discharge of brine wastewater will end with the expiration of its existing permit on Jan. 31, 2012.

Comments concerning the draft permit renewal may be presented at the Jan. 12 hearing or submitted in writing to: Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049 or [patti.smith@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:patti.smith@epa.ohio.gov). The public comment period ends at the conclusion of the public hearing. Following consideration of any comments, Ohio EPA will make a final decision on the permit renewal.

The draft discharge permit renewal and related materials are available for review [online](#) and at Ohio EPA's Northeast District Office in Twinsburg by first calling (330) 963-1200.

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