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## **Ohio EPA, Pike County Landfill Settle Solid Waste, Air Pollution Violations**

In a [settlement](#) with Ohio EPA, Pike Sanitation Inc. agreed to improve the way it tracks and reports waste disposal at its landfill (11775 SR 220 E, Waverly). This is to ensure the landfill does not take in more waste daily than it is allowed and that the company is paying the proper amount of disposal fees, as required by Ohio law.

The company identified nearly \$88,000 in outstanding disposal fees, paid Ohio EPA that amount last year and agreed to pay approximately \$4,200 in additional past due solid waste disposal fees, \$283,550 in corresponding late fees and more than \$93,000 in civil penalties.

Ohio EPA conducted a routine audit of Pike Sanitation in July 2008 and multiple inspections at the landfill through 2010 (including one with the Pike County General Health District). The Agency issued the company multiple violation notices for not properly maintaining daily logs or submitting accurate monthly fee reports and annual reports. Ohio EPA determined that since at least 2005, the company failed to report certain required waste information and that for more than four years, Pike Sanitation significantly under-reported the volume of solid waste it received; this resulted in a large sum of unpaid disposal fees for nearly 29,000 tons of solid waste previously unreported.

Pike Sanitation agreed to implement a computerized system capable of properly maintaining daily logs, monthly fee reports and annual facility reports. This system also will alert facility personnel when the landfill is approaching the maximum amount of waste it is authorized to receive each business day. The facility also agreed to pay Ohio EPA a civil penalty of \$91,308 and submit corrected annual reports for 2005-2009. A portion of the penalty (\$18,261.60) will go to Ohio EPA's [Clean Diesel School Bus Program](#) Fund. This fund helps retrofit older school buses with pollution control equipment to reduce particulate emissions from their diesel engines. The remaining money will go to the environmental remediation fund administered by Ohio EPA's solid waste management division.

In a separate [settlement](#) of air pollution control violations, Pike Sanitation agreed to pay Ohio EPA a civil penalty of \$2,000 (to be split between the Ohio Environmental Education Fund and the administration of the Agency's air pollution control programs) for failing to timely submit an application to renew its air permit and for operating with an expired air permit. The settlement allows the landfill to operate its air pollution sources until Ohio EPA takes final action on the company's pending application.

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