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Ohio EPA to Hold Hearing About Draft Permit Renewal for Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant

Ohio EPA will hold an information session and public hearing about the draft renewal of a hazardous waste permit for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Portsmouth Gaseous Diffusion Plant, located at 3930 U.S. Route 23 South in Piketon (Pike County). The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. on February 28, 2011, at the OSU Endeavor Center (Room 160, 1862 Shyville Rd., Piketon).

DOE generates hazardous and mixed waste from environmental cleanup operations. U.S. Enrichment Corporation also generates similar waste on site during general plant operations. The permit that allows and regulates the storage of this waste must periodically be renewed.

After determining DOE's permit renewal application was complete and met appropriate standards, Ohio EPA issued the draft renewal permit. If issued final, the permit would allow DOE to continue storing waste in containers inside a building on site. It also would require DOE to investigate and, if necessary, clean up any contamination from hazardous wastes that may be at the facility.

Written comments will be received through March 12, 2011, at Ohio EPA, Division of Hazardous Waste Management, Attn: Regulatory and Information Services Section, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, by fax at (614) 728-1245 or [e-mail](mailto:dhwmcomments@epa.state.oh.us) at dhwmcomments@epa.state.oh.us.

The [draft renewal permit](#), application and related documents may be viewed at U.S. DOE's Environmental Information Center, Room 207, 1862 Shyville Rd., Piketon (740-897-2336); Ohio EPA's Southeast District Office, 2195 Front St., Logan (740-385-8501) and Division of Hazardous Waste Management, 50 W. Town St., Suite 700, Columbus (614-644-2917); and online at www.epa.state.oh.us/dhwm under Stakeholder Input on the right column of the Web page.

During the information session, Ohio EPA staff will explain the draft renewal permit and answer questions. The hearing immediately follows, during which the public can comment on the record. Depending on the number of people wishing to testify, oral testimony may be limited. However, written testimony and supporting material of any length will be accepted. Ohio EPA will take final action on the renewal permit after carefully considering public comments.

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