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Ohio EPA, West Carrollton Company Reach Agreement to Improve Discharge into Owl Creek, Great Miami River

Ahlstrom West Carrollton, of 1 S. Elm St., West Carrollton, [has agreed](#) to reduce total dissolved solids in its wastewater that is discharged to Owl Creek and to come into compliance with state water quality standards for total dissolved solids. The facility also agreed to perform a toxicity reduction evaluation; conduct water quality studies of its discharge to Owl Creek; pay a \$17,500 penalty; and submit updated information needed for Ohio EPA to process the company's discharge permit renewal.

Ahlstrom produces vegetable parchment and other waxed papers at its facility. On numerous occasions, it has violated terms of its permit and state water quality standards. It also has documented toxicity in its discharge to Owl Creek.

Ohio EPA has worked for years to bring the current company, as well as the previous owner, into compliance with state and federal water quality standards. In order for the Agency to proceed with processing a wastewater discharge permit renewal, the company must come into compliance with existing environmental laws. Adhering to this agreement is one step in that process.

Of the \$17,500 penalty, \$3,500 will go to Ohio EPA's [Clean Diesel School Bus fund](#); \$7,000 will go to Ohio EPA's Environmental Education Fund and \$7,000 will go to administer surface water programs.

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