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Ohio EPA Settles with Summit County Company for Hazardous Waste Violations

Ward Trucking LLC has agreed to pay an \$80,000 penalty to settle hazardous waste violations at its facility located at 2800 Brecksville Road in Richfield. The company also will close and clean up two trailers that once housed hazardous waste.

In December 2009, Ohio EPA conducted a complaint investigation and inspection of the facility. Ohio EPA's inspector found hazardous waste had been stored in dozens of 55-gallon drums for up to eight years. The company was cited with storing hazardous waste for more than 180 days without a hazardous waste permit and ordered to remove the drums for proper disposal.

Because the company established and operated a hazardous waste storage facility, it is required to submit to Ohio EPA an approvable closure/cleanup plan for the trailers. Once the plan is approved, the company will establish financial assurance and liability coverage, and complete the closure.

Ward Trucking operates a trucking terminal facility and occasionally handles discarded hazardous waste chemical products that are damaged in transit or during loading/offloading operations.

The [settlement](#) includes a civil penalty of \$64,000 to support Ohio's hazardous waste cleanup fund and \$16,000 for Ohio EPA's [Clean Diesel School Bus Fund](#).

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