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## **Ohio EPA to Hold Hearing On Draft Air Permits for DP&L Landfill in Adams Co.; Agency Issues Water Quality Certification for Project**

Ohio EPA issued a final water quality certification and two draft air permits for Dayton Power and Light (DP&L) to construct and operate the company's proposed Carter Hollow Landfill off Ginger Ridge Rd., north of U.S. 52 and east of Co. Rd. 11 in Sprigg Township (Adams County). The 245-acre residual waste management facility would primarily accept flue-gas desulfurization gypsum from DP&L's J.M. Stuart and Killen Stations, though DP&L also is considering disposing of dry coal ash (fly ash and bottom ash).

Ohio EPA will hold a public information session and hearing on Wednesday, July 6, 2011, at 6 p.m., to answer questions and accept comments regarding the draft air permits. The meeting will be held at the Manchester Community Center (400 Pike St., Manchester).

### **Draft Air Permits**

Before issuing the two draft air permits, Ohio EPA reviewed the company's applications to ensure that emissions from the Carter Hollow Landfill project would comply with federal and state air pollution control standards, laws and regulations. The draft air permits establish emission limits to protect public health and the environment. If issued final, the air permits would allow DP&L to construct and operate the landfill, build new roads and modify DP&L's J.M. Stuart Station roads.

### **Public Hearing**

Ohio EPA places a high priority on public involvement and encourages citizens to become involved in the decision-making process. During the hearing, which immediately follows the information session, the public can submit comments for the record. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain additional information that will be considered before Ohio EPA issues or denies final air permits.

Ohio EPA will equally consider written comments on the draft air permits received through July 8, 2011. Interested parties can send comments to Cindy Charles at [cindy.charles@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:cindy.charles@epa.state.oh.us) or Portsmouth Local Air Agency, 605 Washington St., Third Floor, Portsmouth, OH 45662. The draft air permits are available online at [http://wwwapp.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/permits\\_issued/476001.pdf](http://wwwapp.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/permits_issued/476001.pdf) and [http://wwwapp.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/permits\\_issued/476004.pdf](http://wwwapp.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/permits_issued/476004.pdf). Also, arrangements can be made to review the permits and related material at the above address by first calling (740) 353-5156.

## **Water Quality Certification**

Ohio EPA issued a final water quality certification on May 4, 2011, allowing impacts to 20,780 feet of Carter Hollow and its tributaries to construct the proposed landfill. No wetlands will be impacted. The proposed project may result in a change from current water quality conditions, but it cannot violate standards that protect human health and the environment. DP&L will be required to provide more than 31,000 feet of compensatory stream mitigation (i.e., preservation, restoration and/or enhancement).

The certification, application and other related materials are available for review at Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, Lazarus Government Center, 50 W. Town St., Suite 700, Columbus by first calling (614) 644-2001.

## **Other Permit Applications**

Ohio EPA is still reviewing DP&L's application for a solid waste permit to determine if it meets the requirements of Ohio's environmental laws and solid waste rules. If so, Ohio EPA will issue a draft solid waste permit and a public hearing will be held.

Ohio EPA held an information session on March 28, 2011, to answer questions about the solid waste permit application. DP&L proposes a landfill capacity of approximately 15 million cubic yards (approximately 20 million tons); a maximum height of approximately 87 feet above Ginger Ridge Rd.; and a waste placement footprint of approximately 73 acres. The facility's footprint is approximately 245 acres. At 695,000 to 835,000 tons of waste disposal per year, DP&L projects the life of the landfill to be 25-30 years.

Copies of the solid waste permit application and related materials are available for review at Ohio EPA's Southeast District Office (2195 Front Street, Logan, Ohio 43138) by first calling (740) 385-8501 or (800) 686-7330. Interested parties also may write to Ohio EPA at the Logan address for more information.

Related to this project, DP&L also has applied to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for a Section 404 permit and to Ohio EPA for a general storm water permit for discharges from the ponds during the construction period. Prior to a draft solid waste permit-to-install being issued, DP&L also must submit an amended wastewater discharge permit renewal application; a revised antidegradation addendum for the J.M. Stuart Station to address the new landfill leachate and sediment pond discharges; and a permit-to-install application for a portion of the leachate pipeline.