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Proposed Cherokee Run Landfill Expansion Subject of Public Meeting

Ohio EPA will host a meeting on March 24 regarding two draft permits for a proposed new waste disposal area at the Cherokee Run Landfill in Bellefontaine. The 94.8-acre landfill would be next to, but not immediately touching, the existing landfill at 2946 U.S. 68 N.. If approved, the permits would allow the new disposal unit to be built on the 754-acre property.

The meeting will begin with an information session at 6:30 p.m. on March 24, 2011, in the Bellefontaine Municipal Airport Conference Room, 3100 State Route 47 West, Bellefontaine. A hearing will immediately follow. In addition to oral comments provided at the public meeting, Ohio EPA will equally consider written comments received through the close of business April 1, 2011.

For the solid waste permit to be approved, Ohio EPA's director must exempt the facility from the siting criteria that prohibits landfills from being located within 1,000 feet of aquifers capable of producing 100 gallons of water or more per minute.. The director may only issue an exemption from siting criteria if he is certain that doing so would not adversely affect public health or safety or the environment. The draft solid waste permit includes this exemption.

The wastewater discharge permit, if issued final, would allow for two storm water discharges in addition to those in the existing permit. One would discharge into flat Branch, which feeds into Bokengehalas, the other into Cherokee Run. These discharges would mix with the existing streams and lower the quality of those waterways; however they would not exceed water quality standards that have been developed to protect people's health and aquatic life.

Written comments related to the lateral expansion should be sent to Ohio EPA, Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management, Attn: Systems Management Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049.

Comments related to the discharge permit should be addressed to Ohio EPA, DSW, Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049.

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