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**Public Invited to Comment on Draft Air Permit  
Issued to GrafTech in Lakewood**

Air emissions associated with a Lakewood manufacturer's request to upgrade and expand its business will be the focus of an April 14, 2011, public meeting. [Ohio EPA](#) and the [Cleveland Division of Air Quality](#) will hold the information session and public hearing beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the Madison Branch of the Lakewood Public Library, 13329 Madison Avenue, Lakewood.

The meeting is an opportunity for citizens to ask questions and submit comments concerning a draft air permit issued to GrafTech International Holdings Inc. for its graphite manufacturing facility located at 11709 Madison Avenue.

GrafTech is proposing to install four graphite rolling lines equipped with scrubbers to control emissions of sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide, and a recuperative thermal oxidizer to control carbon monoxide and volatile organic compounds. The company also will restart the facility's west treatment system and install 12 new graphite furnaces.

The draft air permit places limits on emissions to ensure compliance with federal clean air standards and protect public health.

Citizens may testify at the public hearing or submit comments on the draft air permit prior to the hearing by writing to: David Hearne, Cleveland Division of Air Quality, 75 Erieview Plaza, Suite 200, Cleveland, Ohio, 44114. The public comment period ends at the conclusion of the hearing.

GrafTech's draft air permit is available [online](#).

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