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Ohio EPA to Hold Public Hearing About Draft Air Permits For Owens Corning Licking County Facility

Ohio EPA has issued two draft air permits to enable the Owens Corning plant at 400 Case Ave. in Newark to upgrade equipment and fiberglass production for the insulation industry. If issued final, the [installation air permit](#) would authorize an in-line pipe machine and electric furnace needed to expand the capacity of molded pipe insulation production operations and the [air permit modification](#) would authorize a change to some existing equipment that would be affected by the new units.

Ohio EPA will hold a public information session and hearing on Tuesday, March 15, 2011, at 6 p.m. to answer questions and accept comments regarding the draft air permits. The meeting will be held at the Licking County Library, Newark Branch (101 W. Main St., Newark).

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 the final air permits.

Before issuing the draft air permits, Ohio EPA reviewed the company's air permit applications to ensure that emissions would comply with federal and state clean air standards. The draft permits include federally enforceable limitations on volatile organic compounds, combustion products from fuel combustion sources and particulate emissions (dust) from production sources. These air emission limitations and draft permit conditions (such as recordkeeping and reporting requirements and operational restrictions) were established to protect public health and safety.

In addition to comments provided at the public meeting, Ohio EPA will equally consider comments received through March 15. Comments can be directed to [Adam Novak](#) at (614) 995-0670, Adam.Novak@epa.ohio.gov or Ohio EPA-CDO, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio, 43216-1049.

The draft air permits are online at http://wwwapp.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/permits_issued/447879.pdf and http://wwwapp.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/permits_issued/447878.pdf and also can be viewed at Ohio EPA's Central District Office (50 W. Town St., Suite 700, Columbus), by first calling (614) 728-3778.

In a separate matter, Ohio EPA held a public hearing last August before issuing Owens Corning a [final air permit modification](#) to allow the company to use a binding material with a lower concentration of hazardous air pollutants in one of its fiberglass manufacturing lines.