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Ohio EPA Schedules Meeting to Discuss Update to Akron's Long-Term Control Plan for Combined Sewer Overflows

The city of Akron's updated plan to reduce [combined sewer overflows](#) will be the focus of a Feb. 29, 2012, Ohio EPA public meeting. The information session and public hearing will begin at 6 p.m. at the main branch of the Akron Public Library located at 60 S. High Street.

The city's long-term control plan is part of a negotiated consent decree between the federal government, State of Ohio and Akron. Submission of the plan was required by and will be implemented upon the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of Ohio's entry of the consent decree (*United States v. City of Akron*, case # 5:09-CV-00272).

The update includes specific construction projects and dates for completion. All the projects are to be completed by Oct. 31, 2027. Implementing the plan will dramatically reduce sewage overflows from Akron's sewers through the construction of storage basins, relief sewers and tunnels, high-rate treatment facilities and expansion of the existing wastewater treatment plant located at 2460 Akron-Peninsula Road.

Comments concerning the update to the plan may be presented at the Feb. 29 hearing, submitted in writing to Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049 or emailed to chris.bowman@epa.ohio.gov. The public comment period ends March 7, 2012. Ohio EPA will consider all comments prior to agreeing to a final plan.

The plan, update and related information are available for review at Ohio EPA's Northeast District Office in Twinsburg by first calling (330) 963-1200.

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