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Ohio EPA to Hold Meeting About Adams County Mining Project

Ohio EPA will hold an information session and public hearing on Aug. 6, 2012, at 5:30 p.m. to discuss water quality impacts of discharges from a proposed expansion of a mineral mine (limestone quarry) at 848 Plum Rd., Peebles. The meeting will be held at the village of Peebles Council Room, 1 Simmons Ave.

Ohio EPA is reviewing applications for the project from Hanson Aggregates. The company would need permits to construct a settling pond and discharge treated mine runoff and drainage to a tributary of Scioto Brush Creek.

The project would result in a change from current water quality conditions. The Agency's review of the applications is to ensure that discharges from the project would comply with Ohio's water quality standards that protect aquatic life and human health.

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

In addition to oral comments provided at the public meeting, Ohio EPA will equally consider written comments received through Aug. 13, 2012, at dswcomments@epa.state.oh.us or Ohio EPA-Division of Surface Water, Attention: Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, OH 43216-1049. Interested parties may request to be placed on a mailing list for information by writing to the same address. The permit applications and related materials are available for review at Ohio EPA's Southeast District Office at 2195 Front St. in Logan by first calling (740) 385-8501.

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