



Dashboard

January – June 2021

In Your Community

A Webinar Series for Environmental Issues at the Local Level

Local officials wear a lot of hats and may not be familiar with the many environmental issues that affect their communities. This webinar series covers a wide range of topics from how Ohio EPA regulates sources of air pollution, waste management, wastewater, and stormwater discharges to different ways your community can promote environmental stewardship and improve the environment in your local area.

Ohio EPA's *In Your Community webinar series* focuses on environmental issues at the local level. These webinars occur throughout the year and cover a wide range of topics from how Ohio EPA regulates pollution sources to ways on improving the environment in your local area. Recordings of each webinar are available on Ohio EPA's YouTube Channel.

So far in 2021, Ohio EPA has presented six webinars for a total of 13 since the launch of the series in May 2020. A list of the topics covered is shown below. The webinars have been well-attended, with more than 2,000 participants for the live events and an additional 2,500 views through the Agency's YouTube channel.

- *Regulation and Funding of Household Sewage Treatment Systems in Ohio*
- *What Local Leaders should know about Water Resource Protection*
- *Opportunities and Challenges of Drinking Water and Wastewater Regionalization*
- *Open Burning, Odors, Dust, and Asbestos in Demolition in Your Community*
(held in 2020 and 2021)
- *2021 Recycling and Litter Prevention Grant Informational Webinar*
- *Ohio EPA's Encouraging Environmental Excellence for Communities*
- *Ohio EPA's Mosquito Control Grant*
- *Nuisance Waste Sites, Illegal Dumping, and Scrap Tires in Your Community*
- *Environmental Regulations of Businesses in Your Community*
- *Managing Contaminated Sites in Your Community* (held in 2020 and 2021)
- *Sustainability in Your Community*



Ohio EPA Awards Grants for Electric Vehicle Charging Stations

The Volkswagen Mitigation Trust Fund resulted from a federal lawsuit that alleged Volkswagen AG installed defeat devices on certain vehicles (model years 2009-2016). The devices, activated during emissions testing, made vehicles appear to be compliant with the law. During on-road operation, the vehicles emitted nine to 40 times the allowable amount of nitrogen oxides, a harmful air pollutant. A national settlement filed with the court reserved funds through a trust agreement for states based on the number of vehicles with the illegal devices that were registered within these states.

The trust agreement required each state to *develop a plan* to identify how funding would be allocated between 10 allowable uses that reduce nitrogen oxide emissions and offset damages. Early in 2019, Ohio EPA staff met with stakeholders from Ohio's *26 VW-eligible counties* to explore interest in and current availability of local charging infrastructure for electric vehicles.

Ohio EPA also participated in a *DriveOhio* study to expand electric vehicle (EV) access throughout Ohio. The *report from that study*, released on June 30, 2020, helps guide program decisions as Ohio EPA implements the EV charging infrastructure funding portion of the program in Ohio.

The EV charging grant program can fund the installation of both Level 2 and DC fast-charging (DCFC) stations. In early 2021, Ohio EPA awarded approximately \$3.28 million in grants to support the installation of more than 600 publicly accessible Level 2 electric vehicle charging ports at more than 170 locations in 22 counties. The grants will help improve Ohioans' access to electric vehicle charging infrastructure. A detailed list of grant recipients and locations is available [online](#).

A separate round of grant funding for fast-charging stations is planned later this year. Ohio EPA also will be funding an electric school bus pilot project.

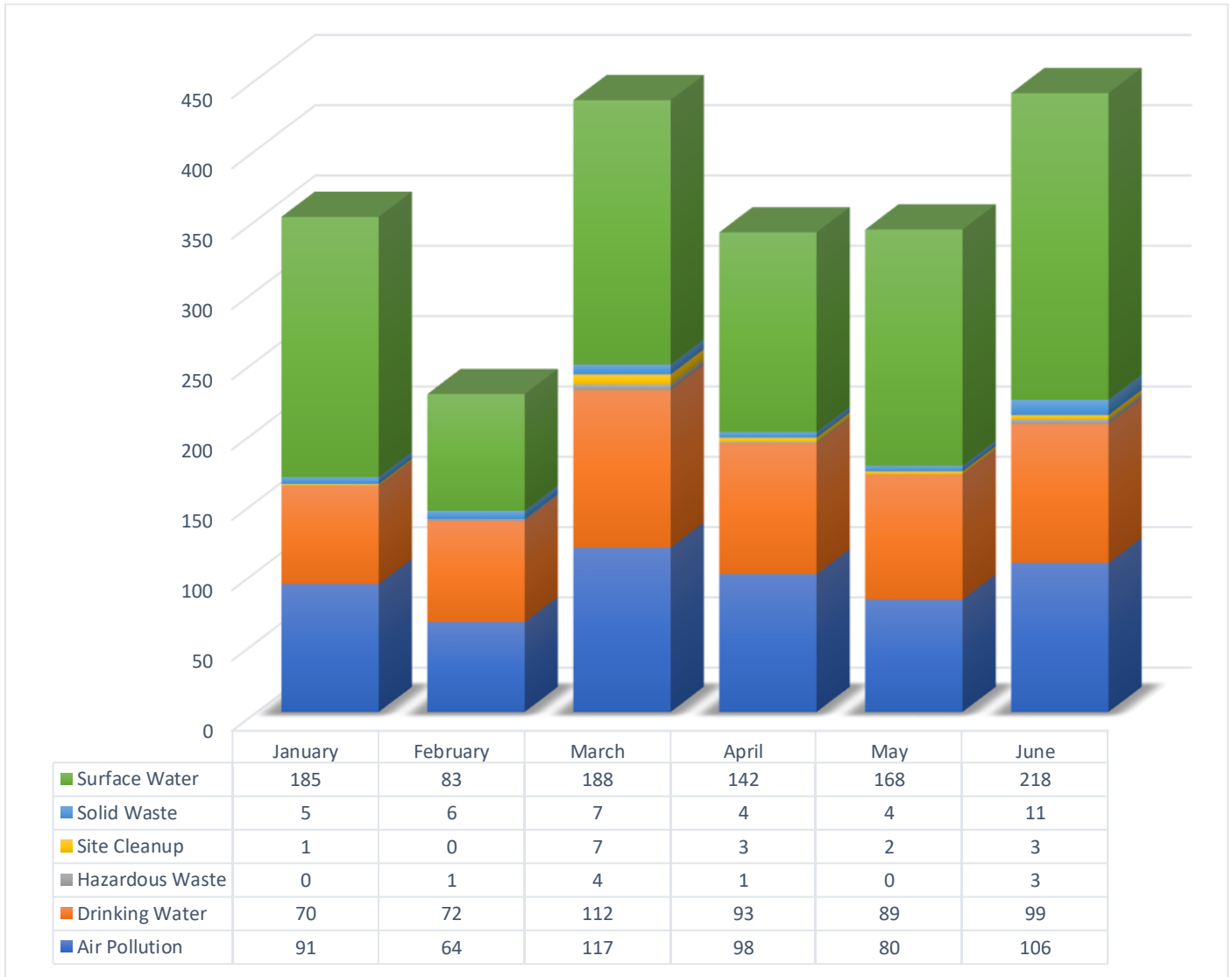


County	Dollars	Projects	Ports
Butler	\$195,737	11	28
Clermont	\$49,570	4	10
Cuyahoga	\$350,411	26	78
Delaware	\$60,000	2	8
Erie	\$15,000	1	2
Fairfield	\$105,000	4	14
Franklin	\$303,182	16	97
Geauga	\$75,000	3	12
Greene	\$75,000	3	10
Hamilton	\$303,182	20	62
Lake	\$185,000	8	30
Lorain	\$255,000	12	56
Lucas	\$159,800	11	22
Madison	\$30,000	2	4
Mahoning	\$132,298	5	20
Medina	\$120,000	4	22
Montgomery	\$299,134	18	52
Ottawa	\$12,618	1	2
Portage	\$131,385	7	18
Stark	\$15,000	1	2
Summit	\$290,000	15	66
Warren	\$117,682	5	16
Total:	\$3,279,999	179	631



Agency Permits and Authorizing Actions

This dashboard displays permits and other authorizing actions, which include plan approvals and permits-to-install, issued from Jan. 1 – June 30, 2021 for key program areas, including surface water, air pollution, and drinking water.



Compliance Inspections and Verification Reviews

This dashboard reflects the Agency’s efforts to verify or inspect for compliance with permits, environmental rules, and other requirements. These are broken down by month and Agency program. An inspection involves conducting an evaluation of compliance related processes at a site or facility. Verification review includes review of submittals that are required by the regulations, such as compliance reports, monitoring data, etc. The large numbers in the drinking water program reflect the Agency’s work in reviewing monitoring and analytical reports that are submitted by thousands of public water systems each month.

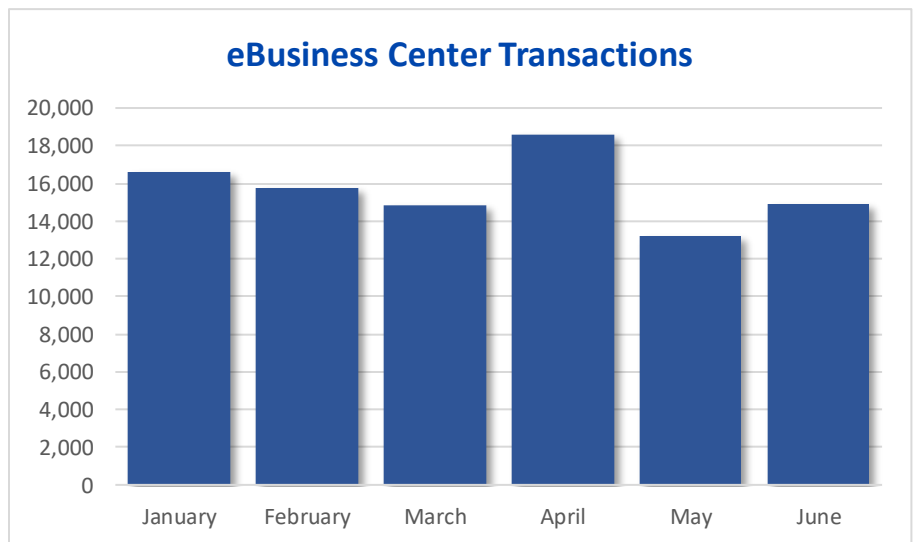
	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
401 Wetlands	2	2	1	3	1	0	9
Air Permit	12	32	26	34	59	22	185
Asbestos Emissions Controls	2	0	5	2	2	5	16
Drinking Water	784	263	332	213	330	236	2,158
NPDES	44	40	43	50	27	30	234
Hazardous Waste	38	27	22	21	23	20	151
Solid Waste Facilities	12	29	22	23	16	15	117
Underground Injection Control	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
Water and Wastewater Operator Certification	0	2	2	1	1	0	6
Other	7	9	16	33	22	11	98

Customer Interactions

Ohio EPA’s eBusiness Center is a secure portal for regulated entities to electronically complete and file Ohio EPA-related reports and permit applications.

In addition to these business transactions, Ohio EPA also interacts with the regulated community, public, and other stakeholders daily through phone calls, online meetings, site visits, email, newsletters, listserv announcements, and webinars.

As the Agency begins to transition back to the office, we are refining our outreach and communication methods to ensure that we provide timely information and responses.



Outreach Type	Number Reached
Online Meetings/Conferences/Training	12,318
e-Blast/Digital Outreach	141,498

Funding to Improve Water Quality and Enhance Environmental Protection

H2Ohio Initiative

The H2Ohio Initiative was proposed by Governor DeWine in March 2019 to invest in targeted solutions to help ensure safe and clean water for Ohioans across the state.

Under H2Ohio, Ohio EPA is funding infrastructure projects in disadvantaged communities to help ensure they have safe drinking water and quality sewer infrastructure.

H2Ohio Initiative Funding January – June 2021

Category	Funding
Lead Service Lines	\$500,000
Wastewater Infrastructure	\$4,325,000
Drinking Water Infrastructure	\$3,050,000
Household Sewage Treatment Systems	\$1,650,000
Grand Total	\$9,525,000

H2Ohio is also helping to replace hundreds of failing home sewage treatment systems in low-income households to prevent the release of raw sewage onto property or into waterways. Additionally, through a combination of state and federal funds, H2Ohio funding is being used to replace lead pipes and fixtures in daycare centers and schools.

Grant Funding

Ohio EPA provides grant funding for various programs to clean and protect our land, air, and water resources and promote environmentally sustainable practices.

Grant Funding January – June 2021

Program	Funding
Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Principal Forgiveness	\$18,749,076
Water Supply Revolving Loan Account Principal Forgiveness	\$3,570,898
Water Resource Restoration Sponsor Program	\$4,869,000
Mosquito Control Grants	\$756,750
Environmental Education Grants	\$225,215
Electric Vehicle Charging Grants	\$3,279,999
Grand Total	\$31,450,938

State Revolving Loan Fund Awards

Ohio EPA's Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) and the Water Supply Revolving Loan Account (WSRLA), provide below market rate loan financing for public wastewater and drinking water infrastructure projects.

Infrastructure Loan Funding January-June 2021

Month	Water Pollution Control Loan Fund	Water Supply Revolving Loan Account
January	\$33,990,756	\$719,266
February	\$297,207,572	\$12,112,293
March	\$13,352,154	\$15,398,615
April	\$3,122,500	\$1,489,245
May	\$50,669,339	\$16,530,346
June	\$23,588,388	\$28,241,012
Grand Total	\$421,930,709	\$74,490,777

Since these programs began over 32 years ago, more than \$13 billion in financing has been provided to Ohio communities for a wide variety of wastewater and water infrastructure projects across the state. This financing has helped improve water quality in Ohio while providing substantial savings to Ohio communities when compared to market rate loan financing.

Emergency Response

Ohio EPA's Office of Emergency Response (ER) includes staff stationed throughout Ohio who coordinate with local, state, and federal first responders and support entities on environmental emergencies. Typical environmental response incidents include train wrecks, facility equipment malfunctions, highway crashes, fish kills, chemical releases, and natural disasters. Our team works in partnership with others to minimize and abate the impact these releases cause to the public and the environment.

Our ER teams respond 24-hours a day, seven days a week to incidents across the state. Statewide, Ohio EPA records more than 5,000 incident reports annually through calls to our emergency response spill hotline from citizens, companies, law enforcement, emergency responders, and other agencies. The pie chart represents the amount of material, in gallons, recovered during on site activities (or spill responses).

