What is the history of the hazardous waste program?

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), an amendment to the Solid Waste Disposal Act, was passed in 1976. The main reason for the amendment was to address the growing volume of municipal and industrial solid waste generated across the United States. A few goals established by RCRA include: to protect human health and the environment from potential hazards of waste disposal, to reduce the amount of waste generated, and to ensure that waste produced are managed in an environmentally sound manner.

When RCRA was written, U.S. Congress’ intent was for the states to assume primary responsibility for implementing the hazardous waste regulations with oversight from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). U.S. EPA must approve each state as an authorized state. To become an authorized state, each must demonstrate that the state program is at least equivalent to and consistent with federal laws, provides adequate enforcement authority and provides availability of information similar to the federal program. Since 1989, the State of Ohio has been an authorized state by U.S. EPA for the majority of their hazardous waste program.

Currently, the State of Ohio is not authorized by U.S. EPA to issue a permit for organic air emissions (40 CFR Part 264, Subparts AA, BB, and CC) from hazardous waste storage units.
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How can I become more involved?

All persons, including the applicant, may submit written comments relating to this draft action. Written comments or requests for a public meeting may be submitted before the end of the comment period to the address in the box on the front of the page. Ohio EPA will hold a public meeting if enough people request such a gathering. The agency may modify the proposed permit or take other action based on new information or public comments, so your opinion is important.

The comment period begins on April 6, 2017, and ends on May 31, 2017. Copies of the permit application and the draft permit are available for review by the public at the following locations:

Ohio EPA, Southwest District Office
401 East Fifth Street
Dayton, Ohio 45402-2911
(937) 285-6357

Ohio EPA, Central Office
Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization
Lazarus Government Center
50 West Town St., Suite 700
Columbus, Ohio 43215
(614) 644-2924

A copy of the draft permit is available for review by the public at:

Dayton & Montgomery Co. Public Library
Wilmington Stroop Branch
3980 Wilmington Pike
Dayton, OH 45429
(937)463-2665

The Ohio draft permit is available for review by the public online under the “What’s New” tab at:

www.epa.ohio.gov/derr

The entire record for this draft action is available via Ohio EPA’s eDocument portal:

http://edocpub.epa.ohio.gov/publicportal/edochome.aspx

Using the search function, search under the document type of “Permit” and then refine the search using the package number which is “482”.

After the close of the public comment period, Ohio EPA will review all comments received and decide whether to issue the permit. The final decision will include notification to those who submitted written comments during the official comment period. Ohio EPA will prepare and send to all responders a document answering significant comments.

Within sixty (60) days of the close of the public comment period, Ohio EPA will, without prior hearing, issue the permit (or deny the request) in accordance with Chapter 3734 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). If Ohio EPA approves the application, taking into account public comments, a renewal permit will be issued with terms and conditions as are necessary to ensure compliance with hazardous waste rules.

Within thirty (30) days of a final decision, any person who submitted written comments or made a statement at the hearing if one is held may petition Ohio EPA’s Environmental Review Appeals Commission Board to review the decision.

What does the facility do?

Since 1906 the site historically operated as a manufacturing facility for aircraft and automobiles. General Motors acquired the site in the 1930s. More recent production activities at the site included manufacturing of automobile power trains, clutch plate assemblies and brake components. The site ceased all operations in 2007. The site was purchased by IRG Dayton II, LLC in 2009 for redevelopment. A portion of the site was sold to
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Love’s Travel Stops & Country Stores for development in 2012.

What would this hazardous waste permit allow the facility to do?

The permit allows IRG Dayton II, LLC to continue their on-going site wide investigation and cleanup of the Former Delphi Automotive Systems, LLC Wisconsin Boulevard Operations under RCRA Corrective Action.

What is the regulatory basis to support this permit renewal?

The Director has considered the application, inspection reports, a report regarding the facility’s compliance with the present permit, and the rules adopted under ORC Section 3734. The Director has found that the Part B permit application meets the Director’s performance standards and that the facility has a history of compliance with this chapter, rules adopted under it, the existing permit, and orders entered into, which demonstrates reliability, expertise, and competency to subsequently operate the facility under this chapter, the rules, and the permit.

Who can I contact for more information?

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