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 wastes 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.

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.
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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 modification or take other action based on new information or public comments, so your opinion is important.

The comment period begins on September 28, 2017, and ends on November 17, 2017. Copies of the modified permit application pages and the draft permit are available for review by the public at the following locations:

Ohio EPA, Central District Office
Lazarus Government Center
50 West Town St., Suite 700
Columbus, Ohio 43215
(614) 728-3778

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 modified permit is available for review by the public at:

Hebron Public Library
943 West Main Street
Hebron, Ohio 43025
(740) 928-3923

The Ohio draft modified 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/edoc home.aspx

Using the search function, search under the document type of “Permit” and then refine the search using the package number, which is “411”.

After the close of the public comment period, Ohio EPA will, without prior hearing, issue a modified 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 modified permit will be issued with terms and conditions as are necessary to ensure compliance with hazardous waste rules.

What does the facility do?

Clean Harbors Recycling Services of Ohio, LLC is a solvent recycling plant. It receives spent solvent from the company’s network of facilities and all types of generators of waste, dry cleaning wastes (consisting of perchloroethylene and/or mineral spirits), and industrial solvents. In addition, other wastes from industrial sources are also brought in, stored and/or reclaimed at the facility. Clean Harbors is also performing site-wide corrective action because a significant quantity of solvent was released on site due to a fire at the facility in 1985 (when the facility was owned by Safety-Kleen).

What is the purpose of this permit modification?

This permit modification allows Clean Harbors Recycling Services of Ohio to combine the ground water monitoring for corrective actions and post-closure and establishes a schedule to submit workplans to determine extent of contamination in ground water and interim measures for ground water remediation at the facility.
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What is the regulatory basis to support this permit renewal?

When applying for a Class 3 permit modification, an applicant is required by Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-50-51(D) to submit the relevant informational requirements of OAC Rule 3745-50-43 (Part A application contents) and OAC Rule 3745-50-44 (Part B application contents). Clean Harbors Recycling Services of Ohio, LLC submitted the Class 3 modification application with the relevant required information on March 28, 2016. Ohio EPA has reviewed the application and has determined that the proposal complies with Ohio EPA rules. Accordingly, Ohio EPA is issuing a draft action indicating the Director’s intention with respect to the issuance of a modified permit to Clean Harbors Recycling Services of Ohio, LLC.

Who can I contact for more information?

For additional information, please contact Chris Bulinski at (614) 728-5036.