



Draft Hazardous Waste Permit Renewal/Modification & Comment Period

October 2017

Facility Name: Retrieval Technologies Inc.

U.S. EPA I.D.: OHD071654958

Location:

265 Quarry Road
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Facility Owner:

Retrieval Technologies Incorporated
265 Quarry Road
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Facility Operator:

Retrieval Technologies Incorporated
265 Quarry Road
Lancaster, Ohio 43130

Activity:

Permit renewal for container storage and a Class 3B permit modification to increase permitted storage to 6 million pounds. The permit terms and conditions also include an exemption to utilize recycling contracts as a financial assurance mechanism.

Comment Period:

October 4, 2017 – November 7, 2017

Submit Comments to:

Ohio EPA
Brad Mitchell
Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization
P.O. Box 1049
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049
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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 October 4, 2017, and ends on November 7, 2017. Copies of the permit application and the draft permit are available for review by the public at the following locations:

Ohio EPA, Central District Office
50 West Town, 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) 644-2621

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

Fairfield County Library
219 N. Broad St.
Lancaster, Ohio 43130
(740) 653-2745

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/edocho.me.aspx>

Using the search function, search under the document type of "Permit" and then refine the search using the package number for the Renewal which is "558".

To search for the Class 3B permit modification, search under the document type of "Permit" and then refine the search using the package number which is "556".

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.

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 also prepare and send to all responders a document answering significant comments. Within 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?

Retriev Technologies specializes in the management, reutilization and recycling of all types of industrial, automotive, and household batteries.

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

This permit allows Retrieval Technologies, Inc. to store up to 6 million pounds of hazardous waste batteries (D001-D011) at any one time. It also allows for an exemption to utilize recycling contracts as a financial assurance mechanism.

What is the regulatory basis to support this permit renewal/modification?

The Director has determined that Retrieval Technologies has submitted an application for renewal one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the expiration date of its present permit which was issued by Ohio EPA on December 21, 2005. Retrieval Technologies has concurrently applied for a Class 3 permit modification, as 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).

The Director has considered the renewal application, Class 3 permit modification application, an exemption request, 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 and Class 3 modification meet 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?

For additional information, please contact Andy Maneff at (614) 728-3884.