Receipt of Request to Amend a RCRA Post-Closure Plan & Public Comment Period
February 2018

Facility Name: RACER, Moraine Facilities

U.S. EPA I.D.: OHD 000 817 577

Location:
3600 Dryden Rd.
Moraine, Ohio

Activity:
Request to amend the current RCRA post-closure plan to allow the cover system to be disturbed and replaced.

Comment Period:
February 14, 2019 – March 20, 2019

Submit Comments to:
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What does the facility do?
The RACER, Moraine Facilities (RACER) are conducting environmental cleanup and redevelopment activities. Parts of the site are currently utilized for various manufacturing or commercial use. The remainder of the site is available for redevelopment.

What is a post-closure plan?
A post-closure plan is a document approved by Ohio EPA which outlines methods to maintain and monitor land-based disposal units, such as settling lagoons or landfills, to ensure protection of human health and the environment.

What is the history of post-closure care at the facility?
The north and south settling lagoons were used to treat wastewater at the former General Motors and Delphi plants. The lagoons were taken out of service in October 1989.

In 2001, the lagoons were closed following an approved closure plan. Liquids were removed, sludges were solidified, and the lagoons were covered with an engineered clay/vegetative cover system.

The closed lagoons are actively monitored by RACER Trust following a 2002 approved post-closure plan. The post-closure plan includes methods to maintain the cover system, and monitor ground water quality.

What would the amended post-closure plan allow the facility to do?
Amendments to the post-closure plan are needed to allow for the construction of a ground water treatment system on the south settling lagoon property. Most of the infrastructure will be placed outside the limits of the cover system. However, the following proposed activity will disturb the cover system:

- Construction of three extraction wells, and
- Installation of 400 lineal foot of piping.
Since this activity will disturb the cover system, amendments to the post-closure plan must explain how the cover system will be restored.

**What is the regulatory basis to support this request to amend the post-closure plan?**

Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-55-18 and 3745-66-18 are the rules related to post-closure plans. If there is a proposed change to the operating plan or the design of the facility which affects the post-closure plan, then the facility must submit a request to amend the post-closure plan.

In this case, Ohio EPA is notifying the public that a request to amend the plan has been received and Ohio EPA is seeking public comments. If comments are received, Ohio EPA will provide written responses.

**Who can I contact for more information?**

For additional information, please contact Brian Gitzinger at (937) 285-6082 or Don Vogel at (614) 644-2924.

**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.

**How can I become more involved?**

The comment period begins on February 14, 2019 and ends on March 20, 2019. Copies of the amended post-closure plan are available for review by the public at the following locations:

- Ohio EPA, Southwest District Office
  401 East Fifth St.
  Dayton, Ohio 45419
  (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

The request to amend the post-closure plan is also available via Ohio EPA’s eDocument portal:

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

Using the search function, search under the document type of “Remedial Response” and then refine the search using the facility’s RCRA ID number Secondary ID which is OHD 000 817 577. Select from the list of documents, the document dated 02/06/2019.

After the close of the public comment period, Ohio EPA will review all comments received and decide whether to approve, modify, or disapprove the amended post-closure plan. If the plan complies with OAC 3745-55-18 and
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3745-66-18 then Ohio EPA will approve it. Ohio EPA will prepare a document responding to all significant comments. Within 30 days of Ohio EPA’s approval, modification, or disapproval of the post-closure plan, any person may petition Ohio EPA’s Environmental Review Appeals Commission Board to review the decision.