

EPA Proposes to OK Permit For PPG

Barberton, Ohio

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Comments welcomed

Comments on the PPG proposed permit action can be submitted to EPA Environmental Engineer Jae Lee at the address below no later than July 17, 2012. You may also request EPA hold a public hearing about this permit. At a hearing you would have an opportunity to submit oral and written comments, ask questions, make statements and discuss any concerns about the permit with EPA staff. Here is Jae's contact information:

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For more information

The draft permit and this fact sheet may also be viewed online: http://www.epa.gov/region5/waste/permits/actions.htm#2012

(See box back page for locations of the administrative record, which can be reviewed by the public.) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency Region 5 is proposing to issue a hazardous waste management permit to PPG Industries, Inc. but will review public comments before making a final decision. The permit would set air emission standards for containers at the company's hazardous waste storage in Barberton, Ohio. EPA is acting on the hazardous waste permit application under its responsibilities set out in the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA).

Background

The PPG Industries, Inc., Barberton Plant is a commercial chemical production facility located within the cities of Barberton and Norton. The hazardous waste generated on site is stored in the containers.

State permit

On September 24, 2010, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency issued the state-portion of the RCRA permit. That portion contains rules for storing of hazardous waste in container storage areas, corrective action and groundwater monitoring requirements.

Proposed decision on federal permit

Since EPA has not yet authorized the State of Ohio to administer certain RCRA regulations, including the air emission standards for equipment leaks (40 CFR Part 264 Subpart BB) and the air emission standards for containers (40 CFR Part 264 Subpart CC), EPA Region 5 is issuing the RCRA permit requirements for operations at this facility which fall under these regulations. The Ohio permit expires on Sep. 24, 2020, and the federal permit would be set to expire at the same time.

EPA has concluded the company has fulfilled all requirements and proposes to issue a RCRA permit to PPG for the hazardous waste activities discussed above. After the close of the public comment period, 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. 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 EPA's Environmental Appeals Board to review the decision.

The Agency will hold a public meeting if enough people request such a gathering (see left-hand box for ways you can participate in the decision-making process.). EPA may modify the proposed permit or take other action based on new information or public comments so your opinion is important.

¹ EPA is proposing to issue the PPG permit under the authority of the federal Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) as amended by the Hazardous and Solid Waste Amendments of 1984 and subject to public notice and comment under the provisions of 40 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Section 124.10. See http://www.epa.gov/lawsregs/index.html to read RCRA and 40 CFR.

EPA Tentatively Approves PPG Permit

Barberton, Ohio

Comment Period: Until July 17, 2012

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Review the documents

The administrative record consists of the draft permit, fact sheet and other relevant materials that EPA used to make a decision in this case. The file is available for public review at the following locations:

Barberton Public Library

602 West Park Avenue Barberton, Ohio 44203 (330) 745 - 1194

EPA Region 5 Offices

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