



# EPA Considers Heritage-WTI, Inc. RCRA Permit; Asks for Comments

Heritage - WTI, Inc. Hazardous Waste Storage Permit  
East Liverpool, Ohio

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## Tell us your opinion

U.S. EPA's intent to issue Von Roll America, Inc. a federal RCRA permit to handle hazardous waste is **open to public comment until August 27, 2008**. You may submit comments in three ways:

- Submit them electronically on U.S. EPA's Web page at [epa.gov/region5/sites/vonroll](http://epa.gov/region5/sites/vonroll)
- Mail them by a postmark of August 27, 2008 to **Mr. Wen Huang, P.E.**, Permit Writer, U.S. EPA Region 5 (mail code LR-8J), 77 W. Jackson Blvd., Chicago, IL 60604-3590
- Fax them attention to (312) 353-4788

A **public meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, August 6, 2008**, beginning at 9:30 A.M. at the Port Authority for Columbiana County, 1250 Saint George Street, East Liverpool, Ohio. For more information, please contact **Mr. Wen Huang** at the address above or phone (800) 621-8431 Ext. 6-6191, or e-mail [huang.wen@epa.gov](mailto:huang.wen@epa.gov).

## Public documents

People can read the draft permit online at [www.epa.gov/reg5rcra/wptdiv/permit](http://www.epa.gov/reg5rcra/wptdiv/permit) In addition, a copy of the draft permit can be obtained by contacting **Mr. Wen Huang, P.E.**, U.S. EPA permit writer, at (800) 621-8431 Ext. 66191 or by e-mail at [huang.wen@epa.gov](mailto:huang.wen@epa.gov).

The technical supporting documents and draft permit are also available for review at the **Carnegie Public Library**, 219 E. Fourth Street, East Liverpool, Ohio.

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) is accepting public comments on its intent to issue a Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) Hazardous Waste Storage permit to cover air emissions from tanks, containers and other equipment that store, treat, or handle hazardous waste at Heritage-WTI, Inc.'s (d.b.a. WTI) facility in East Liverpool. Heritage-WTI, Inc. is better known for its hazardous waste incineration. The federal RCRA permit contains conditions that Heritage-WTI, Inc. (WTI) must comply in order to continue their operations.

Officials with U.S. EPA Region 5 in Chicago have determined that WTI has shown it can comply with the RCRA rules and a federal RCRA permit should be issued. Before it does so, however, the Agency will accept public comments or new information on the draft permit (*see adjacent box for contact information*). U.S. EPA will also hold a public hearing if citizens request one.

WTI receives many types of hazardous waste and non-hazardous wastes for incineration from several different industries around the country and Canada at its facility located at 1250 St. George St. WTI received its initial RCRA permit to operate its incinerator and its associated hazardous waste storage/treatment equipment in 1985. A federal permit which incorporates new federal requirements would allow the company to continue handling hazardous wastes.

U.S. EPA and Ohio EPA split oversight of RCRA requirements for the WTI operations. U.S. EPA's permit covers federal regulations which have not been authorized to Ohio EPA for management in lieu of the federal programs. The federal RCRA permit specifies requirements for design and operations of WTI's container storage, tanks, piping and associated equipment (such as pumps, valves, fittings, etc.), and miscellaneous units to minimize the emissions of pollutants from these equipment.

Specifically, the federal permit covers three (3) major areas, namely,

1. Air emissions standards for equipment leaks (40 CFR Part 264, Subpart BB)
2. Air emission standards for tanks and containers (40 CFR Part 264, Subpart CC)
3. Air emission standards for miscellaneous units (40 CFR Part 264, Subpart X )

The federal RCRA permit contains conditions specific to the design, operations, and maintenance of the facility. Compliance with the this federal permit would further ensure: (1) minimizing the releases of organic pollutants into the environment and (2) an additional safety for the operations of WTI's hazardous waste storage facility, hazardous waste handling equipment (e.g., pumps), and waste treatment equipment, which includes the newly installed emission control equipment (i.e., carbon adsorption system) for the waste storage and handling equipment.

Ohio EPA oversees federal requirements for treatment of hazardous waste in the incinerator, storage of hazardous wastes in containers and tanks, and other RCRA-approved units. Ohio EPA issued its portion of WTI's RCRA permit in March 2005. If U.S. EPA issues this federal RCRA permit, the expiration date of the federal permit will be the same as the Ohio EPA permit, which expires on March 23, 2015.

After the close of the public comment period, U.S. EPA will review and consider the comments before making a final decision on the draft permit. To those who submit comments, U.S. EPA will send a document summarizing the significant comments received with responses to the comments as well as its final decision on the draft permit. Within 30 days of the final determination, anyone who submitted written comments may petition U.S. EPA's Environmental Appeals Board to review the decision.

