

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **FINAL ISSUANCE OF AMENDED CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS A GENERATOR OF INFECTIOUS WASTE**

Notice is hereby given that on August 27, 2007, the director of Ohio EPA issued an amended infectious waste generator certificate to DaVita Inc, 5200 Virginia Way, Brentwood, TN 37027, ID No.: 00-G-01073. Persons wishing to be notified of further actions or proceedings for this project must submit a request in writing to Ohio EPA, Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management, Attn: Systems Management Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, tel.: (614) 644-2621. This final action was not preceded by a proposed action and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission, at 309 South Fourth Street, Suite 222, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

## **PUBLIC NOTICE**

### **FINAL ISSUANCE OF RENEWAL CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION AS A GENERATOR OF INFECTIOUS WASTE**

Notice is hereby given that on August 27, 2007, the director of Ohio EPA issued an infectious waste generator certificate to Mallinckrodt Inc, 675 McDonnell Blvd, St. Louis, MO 63134, Reg. No.: 00-G-01374. Persons wishing to be notified of further actions or proceedings for this project must submit a request in writing to Ohio EPA, Division of Solid and Infectious Waste Management, Attn: Systems Management Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, tel.: (614) 644-2621. This final action was not preceded by a proposed action and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission, at 309 South Fourth Street, Suite 222, Columbus, Ohio 43215.

**State of Ohio  
Environmental Protection Agency  
Notice of Adoption of Rules**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Environmental Protection, under the authority of Ohio Revised Code Section 3704.03(E) has adopted new rules 3745-109-01 through 109-21, "Ohio's Clean Air Interstate Rules (CAIR)" of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC).

The primary purpose of this rulemaking is to comply with the requirements of U.S. EPA's Clean Air Interstate Rule (CAIR).

U.S. EPA has identified Ohio, and several other states, as a source of air pollution contributing to ozone and fine particulate non-attainment in downwind states. U.S. EPA is requiring these upwind states to decrease emissions of ozone precursors and fine particulates from fossil-fuel-fired electrical generators (EGUs). To attain the required reductions, U.S. EPA has set a state by state cap on annual NO<sub>x</sub> emissions as well as ozone season NO<sub>x</sub> emissions and is also requiring the discounting of the compliance value of SO<sub>2</sub> allowances under the existing Title IV Acid Rain Program. This program will basically replace the existing NO<sub>x</sub> SIP call rules in OAC Chapter 3745-14 beginning in 2009. The non-EGUs subject to the NO<sub>x</sub> SIP call will be brought into the CAIR program, but only for the provisions of the CAIR NO<sub>x</sub> ozone season. Ohio therefore, with some minor modifications, has adopted U.S. EPA's model rule and has completed the proposal phase of these rules which are contained in OAC Chapter 3745-109.

Pursuant to Section 121.39 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC) is required to consult with interested parties affected by the rules before the division formally adopts them. On July 24, 2006 these rules went out for a 30 day review by interested parties. Pursuant to Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, a public hearing on these rule changes was conducted on May 17, 2007, in Columbus, Ohio. There were comments received during the public comment period which resulted in changes to the rules proposed. Ohio EPA's responses to the comments submitted may be viewed electronically at the URL listed in the paragraph below. The Director's order of adoption was issued on Monday, September 17, 2007. The effective date of these rules is Thursday, September 27, 2007.

To request a copy of these rules, obtain further information, or inspect or request copies of agency files and records pertaining to the proceeding contact Lee F. Burkleca, Ohio EPA, Division of Air Pollution Control, Lazarus Government Center, PO Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049 or call Lee at 614-728-1344. The rules are available on the Ohio EPA Web page for electronic downloading. The URL is: <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/regs/regs.html>.

This action of the Director is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission (ERAC) pursuant to Section 3745.04 of the Ohio Revised Code. The appeal must be in writing and set forth the action complained of and the grounds upon

which the appeal is based. The appeal must be filed with ERAC within thirty (30) days after notice of the Director's action, at 309 South Fourth Street, Suite 222, Columbus, Ohio 43215. Copies of the appeal must be served upon the Director of the Ohio EPA within three (3) days of filing with ERAC. The appeal must be accompanied by a filing fee of \$70.00 which the Commission, in its discretion, may reduce if by affidavit you demonstrate that payment of the full amount of the fee would cause extreme hardship. Ohio EPA also requests that a copy of the appeal be served upon the Environmental Enforcement Section of the Ohio Attorney General's Office.

**Division of Surface Water  
Credible Data (Volunteer Monitoring) Program  
Qualified Data Collector Approvals  
All Effective 9/12/07**

Name Organization	Level / Specialty	Expiration Date
Traci Snode (#042) HzW Environmental Consultants	Level 3/ Stream Habitat Assessment (QHEI)	9/11/09
Ulrike Zika (#089) Oxbow River & Stream Restoration	Level 3/ Stream Habitat Assessment (QHEI)	9/11/09
Joey Van Skaik (#097) GAI Consultants, Inc.	Level 2/ Stream Habitat Assessment (QHEI)	9/11/12
Jason McKenney (#098) HzW Environmental Consultants	Level 3/ Stream Habitat Assessment (QHEI)	9/11/09
Gregory Eastridge (#099) HzW Environmental Consultants	Level 3 / Stream Habitat Assessment (QHEI)	9/11/09
Heather Bryan (#100) Findlay Schools/ Blanchard River	Level 1	NA

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**COVENANT NOT TO SUE/FINAL FINDINGS AND ORDERS**  
***Gowdy Partners LLC and Columbus Regional Airport Authority Gowdy Field***  
***Property***

Notice is hereby given that on September 13, 2007, the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("Ohio EPA"), pursuant to Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") Chapter 3746 and Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Chapter 3745-300, issued a Covenant Not To Sue/Final Findings and Orders to Gowdy Partners LLC and the Columbus Regional Airport Authority for the property identified as the Gowdy Field Property.

Gowdy Field LLC and the Columbus Regional Airport Authority conducted a voluntary action of the approximately 18.612-acre property located at 1015 Olentangy River Road, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio. A no further action letter was submitted on May 25, 2007 to the Voluntary Action Program of the Ohio EPA Division of Emergency and Remedial Response on behalf of Gowdy Partners LLC and the Columbus Regional Airport Authority by Atul Pandey, a Certified Professional (No. CP 224), as defined in ORC 3746.01(E) and OAC 3745-300-01(A)(8).

The issuance of the Covenant Not to Sue/Final Findings and Orders is a final action of the Director and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission pursuant to Section 3745.04 of the Ohio Revised Code. The appeal must be in writing and set forth the action complained of and the grounds upon which the appeal is based. The appeal must be filed with the Commission within thirty (30) days after notice of the Director's action. The appeal must be accompanied by a filing fee of \$70.00 which the Commission, in its discretion, may reduce if by affidavit you demonstrate that payment of the full amount of the fee would cause extreme hardship. Notice of the filing of the appeal shall be filed with the Director within three (3) days of filing with the Commission. Ohio EPA requests that a copy of the appeal be served upon the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Environmental Enforcement Section. An appeal may be filed with the Environmental Review Appeals Commission at the following address: Environmental Review Appeals Commission, 309 South Fourth Street, Room 222, Columbus, OH 43215.

If you would like to review a copy of the Covenant Not To Sue/Final Findings and Orders, please contact Debi Tavizon, Records Management Officer, Ohio EPA, Division of Emergency and Remedial Response, Voluntary Action Program, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, OH 43216-1049, or by telephone at (614) 644-2924.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**  
**ISSUANCE OF A DRAFT PERMIT TO INSTALL AND A DRAFT NATIONAL**  
**POLLUTANT DISCHARGE ELIMINATION SYSTEM PERMIT TO**  
**Ohio Valley Electric Corporation**  
**P.O. Box 468**  
**Piketon, Ohio 45661**

Public notice is hereby given that the Ohio EPA - Division of Surface Water (DSW) has issued, on September 18, 2007, a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit (0IB00005\*MD) to Ohio Valley Electric Corporation, for the discharge from the Kyger Creek Station coal fired power plant located at 5758 State Route 7, near Cheshire, in Addison Township, Gallia County, Ohio.

Public notice is also hereby given that the Ohio EPA - Division of Surface Water (DSW) has issued, on September 18, 2007, a draft Permit to Install (PTI) #610866 to Ohio Valley Electric Corporation. The draft PTI involves the construction of a Flue Gas Desulfurization (FGD) Chloride Purge Stream (CPS) wastewater treatment plant, sanitary lift station and pressure sewer for the FGD building, and Coal Combustion Products (CCP's) temporary storage facility.

Ohio EPA has made a determination that the wastewater discharge from this proposed facility would result in degradation to or lowering of the water quality of Unnamed tributaries to Little Kyger Creek and subsequently to Little Kyger Creek and Kyger Creek, Kyger Creek itself and unnamed tributaries to Little Campaign Creek and subsequently Campaign Creek. After considering the technical, economic, and social aspects of this project, the Director of the Ohio EPA has decided to make the preliminary determination to allow this degradation. However, the chemical-specific water quality standards developed to protect aquatic life and human health, set forth in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) 3745-1, will not be exceeded.

In accordance with OAC 3745-1-05, Ohio EPA will provide an opportunity for public comment concerning this project. Comments received shall be considered by the Director before the permits are issued as final. Any person may submit written comments of the draft permits and administrative record and may request a public hearing. A request for public hearing shall be in writing and shall state the nature of the issues to be raised. Written comments and/or public hearing requests must be received by the Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water no later than October 18, 2007. Comments and/or public hearing requests should be delivered or mailed to Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Surface Water, Permits Processing Unit, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216. Comments received after this date may not be considered by the Director before issuing the final permit.

Copies of the draft permits and technical support information may be reviewed and/or copies made at the Ohio EPA's Southeast District Office, 2195 Front Street, Logan, Ohio 43138 by first calling (740)385-8501 to make an appointment.

**Ohio Environmental Protection Agency  
Division of Drinking and Ground Waters**

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**September 17, 2007**

Public notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters has adopted a new policy. This policy has been written through a collaborative effort with the Ohio Section of the American Water Works Association to provide technical guidance to the regulated community for compliance with the laws of Ohio Revised Code and the division's rules of Ohio Administrative Code. The new policy is document number ENG-09-001 and entitled "Guidelines for evaluating granular activated carbon (GAC) for disinfection by-product (DBP) precursor removal". Copies of the policy are available from the division's web site, which is found at <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/ddagw/dwguid.html> or by writing to:

Ohio EPA  
Lazarus Government Center  
Attention: Holly Kaloz, DDAGW  
P.O. Box 1049  
Columbus, Ohio 43216

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY  
RENEWAL OF CERTIFIED PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS UNDER OHIO'S  
VOLUNTARY ACTION PROGRAM**

Notice is hereby given that on September 18, 2007, the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") 3746.04(B)(5) and Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") 3745-300-05, issued a renewal of certification to the following: **Scott M. Blanchard CP292, Dan B. Brown CP127, Edward C. Burk Jr. CP 129, Ronald R. Clark CP101, Barry J. Franz CP119, Thomas E. Gillespie CP234, Oren J. Gottlieb CP123, Craig A. Kasper CP103, Christopher W. Krumm CP177, Edward M. McCabe CP102, Ihor R. Melnyk CP147, Ian K. Richardson CP233, Martin L. Schmidt CP170, Jim C. Smith CP121, James E. Zentmeyer CP252.** The issuance of the renewal certification is a final action of the Director and will be public noticed in accordance with OAC 3745-47-07. The action may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission ("Commission"). The appeal must be in writing and set forth the action complained of and the grounds upon which the appeal is based. The appeal must be filed with the Commission within thirty (30) days after notice or issuance of the action. See ORC 3745.04 and 3745.07. A copy of the appeal must be served on the Director within three (3) days after the appeal is filed with the Commission. The appeal may be filed with the Commission at 309 South Fourth Street, Room 222, Columbus, OH 43215.

If you would like to review a copy of any renewal certificate, or any documents related to the certification, please contact Debi Tavizon, Records Management, at Ohio EPA, Division of Emergency and Remedial Response, Voluntary Action Program, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, OH 43216-1049, or by telephone at (614) 644-2924.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
**COVENANT NOT TO SUE/FINAL FINDINGS AND ORDERS**  
**City of Springfield/ Greenawalt/Trenor Complex**

Notice is hereby given that on September 19, 2007, the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency ("Ohio EPA"), pursuant to Ohio Revised Code ("ORC") Chapter 3746 and Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") Chapter 3745-300, issued a Covenant Not To Sue/Final Findings and Orders to the city of Springfield for the property identified as the Greenawalt/Trenor Complex property (the "Property").

The city of Springfield conducted a voluntary action of the 2.548-acre Property located at 100 to 120 West Main Street, Springfield, Clark County, Ohio. A no further action letter was submitted on April 9, 2007 to the Voluntary Action Program of the Ohio EPA Division of Emergency and Remedial Response on behalf of the city of Springfield by Craig Kasper, a Certified Professional (CP103), as defined in ORC 3746.01(E) and OAC 3745-300-01(A)(8).

You are hereby notified that this action of the Director is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission pursuant to Section 3745.04 of the Ohio Revised Code. The appeal must be in writing and set forth the action complained of and the grounds upon which the appeal is based. The appeal must be filed with the Commission within thirty (30) days after notice of the Director's action. The appeal must be accompanied by a filing fee of \$70.00 which the Commission, in its discretion, may reduce if by affidavit you demonstrate that payment of the full amount of the fee would cause extreme hardship. Notice of the filing of the appeal shall be filed with the Director within three (3) days of filing with the Commission. Ohio EPA requests that a copy of the appeal be served upon the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Environmental Enforcement Section. An appeal may be filed with the Environmental Review Appeals Commission at the following address: Environmental Review Appeals Commission, 309 South Fourth Street, Room 222, Columbus, OH 43215.

If you would like to review a copy of the Covenant Not To Sue/Final Findings and Orders, please contact Debi Tavizon, Records Management Officer, Ohio EPA, Division of Emergency and Remedial Response, Voluntary Action Program, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, OH 43216-1049, or by telephone at (614) 644-2924.

## PUBLIC NOTICE

### OHIO EPA ISSUES FINAL MODIFIED HAZARDOUS WASTE PERMIT

On September 21, 2007, Ohio EPA issued a final Class 2 modified Hazardous Waste Facility Installation and Operation Permit (Permit) to Premcor Refining Group, Inc. for its facility at 1150 South Metcalf Street, Lima, Ohio 45804-1199. The EPA Identification Number for this facility is OHD005051826.

#### **Why is Premcor Refining Group, Inc. modifying its Permit?**

Premcor Refining Group, Inc. (Premcor) currently holds a hazardous waste installation and operation permit to address closure, post-closure and corrective action activities at the facility. Premcor wishes to reduce the frequency of post-closure inspections of Primary and "C" Ponds from weekly to quarterly. This final modified permit will allow Premcor to make the requested changes. To issue this final modified Permit, Ohio EPA determined that the modification application is complete and meets appropriate standards.

#### **Can I appeal this final modified Permit?**

Yes, if you are an officer of an agency of the state or of a political subdivision, acting in a representative capacity, or any person who would be aggrieved or adversely affected by this modified Permit, you have the right to appeal this Permit decision to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission (ERAC).

#### **If I decide to appeal this final modified Permit, how and when must I make the appeal?**

If you file an appeal, you must put it in writing no later than October 24, 2007. Your appeal must explain why you are appealing the action and the grounds you are using for your appeal. The appeal must be accompanied by a filing fee of \$70.00 which the Commission, in its discretion, may reduce if by affidavit you demonstrate that payment of the full amount of the fee would cause extreme hardship. Ohio EPA requests that a copy of the appeal be served upon the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Environmental Enforcement Section. You must file your appeal, according to Ohio Revised Code § 3745.04 with ERAC at the following address: ***Environmental Review Appeals Commission***, 309 South Fourth Street, Room 222, Columbus, Ohio 43215. You must send a copy of the appeal to the director of Ohio EPA at the following address no later than three (3) days after you file it with ERAC: ***Chris Korleski, Director of Ohio EPA***, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**OHIO EPA RECEIVES AMENDED HAZARDOUS WASTE CLOSURE/POST-CLOSURE PLAN FROM CLOW WATER SYSTEMS COMPANY**

On August 27, 2007, Ohio EPA received an amended hazardous waste closure/post-closure plan from the Clow Water Systems Company located at 2266 South Sixth Street, Coshocton, Ohio 43812-6001. The EPA Identification Number for this facility is OHD004294849.

**Why is Clow Water Systems Company submitting this Amended Closure/Post-Closure Plan?**

In response to Ohio EPA, Clow Water Systems Company submitted this amended closure/post-closure plan. The purpose of this plan is to describe the methods by which Clow will provide closure of the exempt waste unit (Cell 2). Closure of Cell 2 will also provide the final tie-in between the Cell 2 cover, thus completing activities necessary to achieve certification of Cell 1 closure. The closure plan requirements are discussed in the Ohio EPA December 2004, Director's Final Findings and Orders.

**When and how do I submit written comments about this Amended Closure/Post-Closure Plan?**

You can submit written comments anytime between September 14 and October 14, 2007. Send your comments to Ohio EPA, Division of Hazardous Waste Management, Attn: Regulatory and Information Services, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, telephone number (614) 644-2977, fax number (614) 728-1245, e-mail: [dhwmcomments@epa.state.oh.us](mailto:dhwmcomments@epa.state.oh.us).

**Where can I review the Post-Closure Plan?**

You can review the closure/post-closure plan at the following locations:

**Ohio EPA, Southeast District Office**, 2195 Front Street, Logan, Ohio 43138, tel: (740) 385-8501; and,

**Ohio EPA, Division of Hazardous Waste Management**, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio 43215, tel: (614) 644-2977.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**OHIO EPA APPROVES CLOSURE PLAN FOR  
HI TECMETAL GROUP-COMMERCIAL INDUCTION**

On September 6, 2007, Ohio EPA approved a closure plan for the storage area at Hi TecMetal Group, Inc.- Commercial Induction located at 11116 Avon Avenue, in Cleveland, Ohio. The EPA I.D. number for this facility is OH0000060228.

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code rule 3745-66-11 & 12, the facility's closure plan received on January 11, 2007 was approved as outlined in the Director's September 6, 2007 correspondence. This final action was not preceded by a proposed action and is appealable to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission.

**Date of Public Notice: September 17, 2007**

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF 401 APPLICATION AND PUBLIC HEARING**

Public notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) Division of Surface Water (DSW) has received an application for, and has begun to consider whether to issue or deny, a Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification for a project to develop four large warehouses and attendant features for the Rickenbacker West facility, including employee and truck parking, railway access, truck docks, access roads, stormwater facilities and surface waters protected in a conservation easement area. The application was submitted by the Pizzuti Companies. The project is located at 1912 London-Groveport Road, City of Columbus and Village of Obetz, Franklin County, OH. The Huntington District Corps of Engineers Public Notice Number for this project is LRH-2006-2037-SCR. The Ohio EPA ID Number for this project is 073198.

As required by the Antidegradation Rule, rule 3745-1-05 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), three alternatives have been submitted for the project. The applicant's proposed preferred alternative, if approved, would fill a section of the abandoned Ohio-Erie Canal (OEC) comprising 1.04 acres of wetland and 200 linear feet of an intermittent stream. The applicant's proposed minimal degradation alternative, if approved, would fill a section of the OEC comprising 0.6 acres of wetland, but would not impact any streams. In addition, the proposed preferred and minimal degradation alternatives would cut trees within approximately 0.10 acre of wetland for an overhead electric easement. The applicant's proposed non-degradation alternative, if approved, would have no direct impacts on waters of the state.

Discharges from the activity, if approved, would result in degradation to, or lowering of, the water quality within the Big Walnut Creek watershed. Ohio EPA will review the application, and decide whether to grant or deny the application, in accordance with OAC Chapters 3745-1 and 3745-32. In accordance with OAC rule 3745-1-05, an antidegradation review of the application will be conducted before deciding whether to allow a lowering of water quality. All three proposed alternatives will be considered during the review process. No exclusions or waivers, as outlined by OAC rule 3745-1-05, apply or may be granted.

Starting September 17, 2007, copies of the application and technical support information may be inspected at Ohio EPA-DSW, Lazarus Government Center, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio, by first calling (614) 644-2001. Copies of the application and technical support information can be made available upon request at Ohio EPA District Offices by calling the same number.

Ohio EPA will hold a public information session and public hearing relative to issues of lower water quality on November 1, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at Hamilton Township Community Center, 6400 Lockbourne Road, Lockbourne, OH 43137. The public hearing will end when all interested parties have had an opportunity to provide testimony related to the project.

All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented and give written or oral comments on the proposed project. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain additional information that will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to any further action on the application.

Ohio EPA will continue to accept written comments on the application through the close of business on November 8, 2007. Comments received after this date may not be considered as part of the official record of the hearing. Anyone may submit written comments or requests to be placed on a mailing list for information by writing to: Ohio EPA-DSW, Attention: Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049.

**PUBLIC NOTICE**

**OHIO EPA ISSUES FINAL FINDINGS AND ORDERS TO  
LENCO INDUSTRY, INC.**

On September 11, 2007, Ohio EPA issued final Findings and Orders to Lenco Industry, Inc. (Lenco) for its facility located at 3301 Klepinger Road, Dayton, Ohio 45404. Lenco also does business as Silver Machine, Inc. (SMI). Lenco transported or caused to be transported hazardous waste to the Day-Hio facility who does not operate under a hazardous waste facility installation and operation permit. The EPA I.D. number for these facilities are OHR000130781, OHR000130799, and OHR000130807 respectively.

Lenco Industry, Inc. and Silver Machine, Inc. must achieve compliance with Chapter 3734 of the Ohio Revised Code and all corresponding regulations according to the detailed compliance schedule which outlines civil penalties and payments. This final action was not preceded by a proposed action and is appealable to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission.

**Date of Public Notice: September 15, 2007**

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
NOTICE OF RECEIPT OF 401 APPLICATION**

Public notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) Division of Surface Water (DSW) has received an application for, and has begun to consider whether to issue or deny, a Clean Water Act Section 401 water quality certification for a project to construct a 212,000 square foot school building, 2,500 feet of drives, 140,300 square feet of parking lots and utilities including 2,500 feet of stormwater drainage system. The application was submitted by the Ravenna City Schools, 315 North Walnut Street, Ravenna, Ohio 44266. The project is located on the west side of North Chestnut Street (State Route 44), south of State Route 14 and north of Main Street in the City of Ravenna, Portage County, Ohio. The Buffalo District Corps of Engineers Public Notice Number for this project is 2007-296. The Ohio EPA ID Number for this project is 073183.

As required by the Antidegradation Rule, rule 3745-1-05 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), three alternatives have been submitted for the project. The applicant's proposed preferred alternative, if approved, would include the construction of the southerly school access drive, earth fill and grading of the entire area between the proposed southerly school drive and the existing gas well road. The impacted area includes 0.62 acres wetlands and 150 linear feet of stream. The applicant's proposed minimal degradation alternative if approved, would include the construction of the southerly school access drive, earth fill and grading of the majority of area between the proposed southerly school drive and the existing gas well road. The impacted area includes 0.53 acres of and 150 linear feet of stream. The applicant's proposed non-degradation alternative, if approved, would have no direct impacts on waters of the state.

The discharges from the activity, if approved, would result in degradation to, or lowering of, the water quality Breakneck Creek watershed. The review of the application will be conducted, and a decision whether to grant or deny the application will be made, in accordance with OAC Chapters 3745-1 and 3745-32 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). In accordance with OAC rule 3745-1-05, an antidegradation review of the application will be conducted before deciding whether to allow a lowering of water quality.

Other alternatives resulting in lesser or no degradation, or lowering of the water quality, will be considered by Ohio EPA during the review process.

No exclusions or waivers, as outlined by Paragraph 3745-1-05 (D) of the Antidegradation Rule (effective as of May 1, 1998), apply or may be granted by the Director of Ohio EPA.

Starting September 15, 2007, copies of the application for the certification and technical support information may be inspected at Ohio EPA-DSW, Lazarus Government Center, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio, by first calling (614) 644-2001. Applications can be made available Ohio EPA District Offices by calling the same number.

Persons wishing to 1) be on Ohio EPA's interested parties mailing list for this project, 2) request a public hearing, or 3) submit written comments for Ohio EPA's consideration in reviewing the application should do so in writing to Ohio EPA-DSW, Attention: Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049 within thirty days of the date of this public notice.