

Date of Public Notice: April 11, 2008

Columbiana County

**PUBLIC NOTICE
ISSUANCE OF DRAFT NPDES PERMIT
AND PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that on April 11, 2008, the Director of the Environmental Protection Agency will issue a draft National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit (3IG00097) to Ohio River Clean Fuels, LLC, 9013 NE Highway 99, Suite S, Vancouver, WA 98865. The draft permit is for discharge from a proposed facility to be located in Yellow Creek Township that will convert coal and biomass to liquid fuel. By-products from this process (heat and tailgas) will also be used to create electricity for the operation of the plant and for resale on the electrical power grid. "Draft Actions" are written statements of the Director's intent with respect to the issuance, denial, etc. of a permit, license, order, etc. Interested persons may submit written comments regarding draft actions.

The discharges from the facility, if approved, would result in degradation to, or lowering of, the water quality of the Ohio River. However, the chemical-specific water quality criteria developed to protect aquatic life and human health, set forth in OAC 3745-1-07, 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 draft action is issued as final. A public hearing has been scheduled for 6:30 P.M. on May 27, 2008 at Wellsville High School, 929 Center Street, Wellsville, Ohio 43968. The public hearing will end when everyone in attendance has 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 project. The purpose of the hearing is to obtain additional information that will be considered by the Director of Ohio EPA prior to any further action on the draft permit. Persons wishing to 1) be on Ohio EPA's interested parties mailing list for this project, or 2) submit comments for Ohio EPA's consideration must do so in writing to Ohio EPA-DSW, Permits Processing Unit, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43126-1049 by the close of business on June 3, 2008. Comments received after this date may not be considered as part of the official record of this hearing.

Copies of the pending NPDES application, draft permit and technical support information may be reviewed and/or copies made at Ohio EPA's Northeast District Office, 2110 East Aurora Road, Twinsburg, Ohio 43138, by first calling (330)963-1200 to make an appointment.