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Lorain County Gas Station Owner to Pay Penalty for Air Pollution Control Violations

A Lorain County gas station owner has agreed to pay Ohio EPA a \$7,000 civil penalty to settle air pollution control violations at its gas station located 228 E. Erie Avenue in Lorain.

Pure Gas Incorporated failed to properly operate and maintain stage II vapor control systems on all of the station's pumps. It also allowed gasoline to be dispensed from those pumps even though the vapor control systems failed to pass testing requirements. To ensure the systems operate as designed and in compliance with regulations, Pure Gas must increase the frequency of inspections and testing through 2012.

Uncontrolled gasoline vapors released to the atmosphere contribute to ozone pollution and may prevent the area from meeting the national air quality standard for ozone. Ohio's emission control regulations require Northeast Ohio gas station owners to install and maintain vapor control systems to capture displaced vapors at the vehicle fill neck during fueling and route them back to the underground storage tank. Ohio EPA and local air agencies inspect gas stations and monitor testing to ensure that vapor control systems are properly operated and maintained.

The penalty includes \$5,600 to support air pollution control programs and the Ohio Environmental Education Fund, and \$1,400 to Ohio EPA's clean diesel school bus program fund.

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Settlement with Pure Gas Incorporated:

www.epa.ohio.gov/portals/27/enforcement/year_2010/PureGasInc_052710.pdf

Gasoline Dispensing Facilities Fact Sheet:

www.epa.ohio.gov/portals/41/sb/GDFfactsheet.pdf