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Amp-Ohio Generating Station Receives Air Pollution Control Permit

Ohio EPA has issued a final air permit for the American Municipal Power (AMP-Ohio) Generating Station in Meigs County. The permit regulates air emissions from the proposed facility's two coal-fired utility boilers, a natural gas-fired auxiliary boiler, a gypsum, bottom oil and fly ash landfill, material handling equipment and cooling cells that would be built along Route 124, Letart Falls.

Emission limits are set to ensure compliance with federal clean air standards and protect public health. This permit requires AMP-Ohio to use the best available control technology to limit emissions of carbon monoxide, particulate matter, nitrogen oxide, sulfur dioxide, volatile organic compounds, sulfuric acid mist, lead and mercury. The mercury emission limit is more stringent than what is required for any other power plant in Ohio.

After a great deal of consideration and discussion regarding greenhouse gas emissions, Ohio EPA did not limit the emissions of carbon dioxide from this facility. Director Chris Korleski explained, "I believe that companies with significant carbon emissions must and will play a critical role in addressing climate change, and I believe that federal climate change legislation is not very far off. I strongly support such federal legislation, because I believe an issue of such national scope is tailor made for a comprehensive, well-considered and unifying federal approach, rather than a patchwork of uncoordinated and potentially inconsistent state and /or regional efforts to regulate greenhouse gasses."

Korleski noted that AMP-Ohio plans to use technology that will accommodate future capture of carbon dioxide emissions. This technology will also reduce the amount of waste that is landfilled.

The Agency held a public hearing and accepted comments on a draft air permit last fall. Ohio EPA considered all comments before taking a final action. Ohio EPA continues to review permits that AMP-Ohio needs for wetlands impacts and wastewater discharges.

The permit and supporting information may be reviewed by calling Ohio EPA's Southeast District Office at (740) 385-8501 to make an appointment.

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Link to final air permit for AMP-Ohio: <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/transfer/amp/amp.html>