

Date of Public Notice: July 25, 2008

Union, Fairfield, Licking,  
Delaware, Pickaway and  
Franklin Counties

**PUBLIC NOTICE  
ISSUANCE OF PROPOSED MODIFICATIONS TO NPDES PERMITS  
AND DRAFT PLAN APPROVAL**

Notice is hereby given that on July 25, 2008, the Director of the Environmental Protection Agency issued proposed modifications to National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permits 4PF00000 and 4PF00001 to the City of Columbus, 910 Dublin Road, Columbus, Ohio 43215, for the discharges from the Jackson Pike Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 2104 Jackson Pike, Columbus, Franklin County, Ohio, and the Columbus Southerly Wastewater Treatment Plant located at 6977 South High Street, Lockbourne, Franklin County, Ohio, and points within their sewerage collection systems. The purpose of the modifications is to add a special condition to the NPDES permits that addresses the approval and implementation of the City of Columbus Wet Weather Management Plan. "Proposed Actions" are written statements of the Director's intent with respect to the issuance, denial, modification, revocation or renewal of a permit, license or variance. An adjudication hearing may be held on a proposed action if a hearing request or objection is received by OEPA within 30 days of issuance of the proposed action. Adjudication hearing requests must be sent to: Hearing Clerk, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049 (Telephone: 614-644-2129).

Public notice is hereby given that on July 25, 2008 the Director of the Environmental Protection Agency issued a draft plan approval for the Wet Weather Management Plan for the City of Columbus. The plan is for reducing discharges from the City's combined sewer overflow and sanitary sewer overflow locations by constructing improvements to the sewerage collection and treatment system. The estimated cost of the plan implementation is approximately 2.5 billion dollars. The Wet Weather Management Plan was received by Ohio EPA on July 1, 2005 pursuant to the "Combined Sewer Overflow" Consent Order (Court of Common Pleas, Franklin County, Ohio; Case No. 04-CVH-05-5336; September 17, 2004) and the Sanitary Sewer Overflow Consent Order, (Court of Common Pleas, Franklin County, Ohio; Case No. 02-CVH-05-576; August 2, 2002). "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 or request a public meeting regarding draft actions within 30 days of notice of the draft action.

I have determined that a temporary lowering of water quality to certain site specific areas in the Scioto River, Olentangy River, Alum Creek and Big Walnut Creek watersheds may occur and is appropriate and necessary as a result of the draft and/or proposed actions. In accordance with OAC 3745-1-05, this decision was reached only after examining a series of technical alternatives, reviewing social and economic issues related to the degradation, and considering all public and appropriate intergovernmental comments. The lowering of water quality is necessary to accommodate important social or economic development in the areas in which these water bodies are located.

Ohio EPA will provide an opportunity for public comment concerning this project. Comments received shall be considered by the Director before the draft and proposed actions are issued as final. Any person may submit written comments on the draft and proposed actions 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. In appropriate cases, including cases where there is significant public interest, the Director may hold a public hearing on a draft plan or proposed action prior to final issuance. Written comments and/or public hearing requests must be received by the Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water no later than 30 days from the date of this public notice. Comments and/or public hearing requests should be delivered or mailed to both of the following locations: 1) Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Surface Water, Permits Processing Unit, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049 and 2) Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Central District Office, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049. Comments received after this date may not be considered by the Director before issuing the final actions.

Copies of the pending NPDES modification applications, proposed modified permits, draft plan approval and technical support information may be reviewed and/or copies made at Ohio EPA's Central District Office, Lazarus Government Center, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio 43215, by first calling (614)728-3778 to make an appointment, or can be viewed at [http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/cso/columbus\\_itcp.html](http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dsw/cso/columbus_itcp.html).