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Ohio EPA Holding Meeting to Discuss General Environmental Management

Continuing environmental concerns with a Cleveland Flats waste treatment facility will be the focus of a December 18, 2006, public meeting sponsored by Ohio EPA.

The information session will update citizens on efforts to bring General Environmental Management (GEM) into compliance with Ohio's environmental laws.

The meeting is scheduled for 6:30 p.m. at the City of Cleveland's Public Utilities Building, 1201 Lakeside Avenue.

Last August, Ohio EPA cited GEM for numerous violations of Ohio's hazardous waste laws. Some violations were related to the company's operating procedures, while others were a result of an April 20, 2006, explosion and fire.

GEM also has been identified as the source of numerous odor complaints from neighboring businesses and citizens living downwind. Last February, Attorney General Jim Petro issued an interim order requiring GEM to take any corrective actions necessary to control the odors.

GEM operates an industrial waste treatment facility at 2727 and 2655 Transport Road. The company receives and processes liquid wastes and produces fuel oils, inert residual solids and wastewater for discharge to the local wastewater treatment plant.

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