Ohio EPA Holding Public Hearing to Discuss Permit Modification for IronUnits Facility in Toledo

Ohio EPA is accepting public comments about modifications to an air permit for an iron briquette manufacturing facility in Toledo at a Nov. 7, 2019, public meeting. The IronUnits LLC plant is under construction at Front Street and Millard Avenue in East Toledo.

A public information session begins at 6 p.m. in the Waite High School cafeteria, 301 Morrison Drive, Toledo. A hearing will immediately follow during which the public can submit comments for the record concerning the draft permit modifications.

The company is requesting modifications to its original air emissions permit, which Ohio EPA issued on Feb. 9, 2018. The modifications include updates to project components, material handling equipment changes, updated carbon monoxide emissions rates, and changes to material handling operations.

If approved, the permit modifications would increase carbon monoxide emissions as a result of new test data information. Although emissions will increase above the previous permit, computer modeling has shown that public health and the environment still will be protected. Proposed material handling operations changes include adding bag house filters, which will reduce particulate emissions.

Written comments are considered the same as oral testimony presented at the hearing. Written comments must be received by the close of business on Nov. 11, 2019. Comments can be mailed to Matt Stanfield, Toledo Division of Environmental Services, 348 S. Erie St., Toledo, OH 43604, or emailed to Matthew.Stanfield@toledo.oh.gov.

The draft permit is available for review online or from Toledo Division of Environmental Services by first calling (419) 936-3015.

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