

Public Participation Guide

For additional information regarding public participation, please contact the Board.

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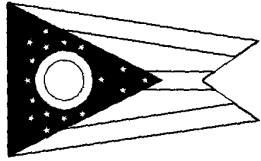
“How Can I Get Involved?”



Learn how you can participate in the permitting of Ohio's hazardous waste facilities

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Ohio's process for permitting hazardous waste facilities is designed to protect the public health and environment while providing opportunities for the public to participate.

Your participation can aid the Board in issuing permits that are protective of the environment and human health.

This guide explains, in general terms, how you can become involved in the permitting process. For more detailed information, please contact the Board.

THERE ARE FOUR WAYS TO GET INVOLVED...

1. PRESENT COMMENTS AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

The Board holds a public hearing in the community near the facility. The Board encourages you to attend this hearing and present your comments on the permit application, siting criteria and related

documents.

When the Board receives a permit application, it places a public notice in the local newspaper(s). The public notice states the date and location of the public hearing.

2. SUBMIT WRITTEN COMMENTS

You may submit written comments about the facility to the Board's Columbus office.

The Board must receive these comments within the public comment period. The deadline is stated in the public notice that is published in the local newspaper(s).

Written comments submitted to the Board and oral comments presented at the public hearing are given equal consideration by the Board.

3. WORK WITH YOUR LOCAL OFFICIALS

Ohio law states that the county commissioners and either the township trustees or the mayor (or his/her equivalent) represent the public at the Board's adjudication hearing. These local officials are considered "parties" to the adjudication hearing.

An adjudication hearing provides the parties the opportunity to present evidence about the facility. If the parties have no issues in dispute about the facility, the Board may choose not to hold

an adjudication hearing.

You may wish to contact your local officials to see that they represent your views at the Board's adjudication hearing.

4. REQUEST TO INTERVENE IN THE ADJUDICATION HEARING

Persons, groups, or governmental entities who wish to participate in the adjudication hearing, may file a formal request with the Board.

The Board encourages persons to seek legal representation when filing such a request as the adjudication hearing is a legal proceeding.

Requests to intervene in the adjudication hearing must fulfill both the criteria outlined in Ohio Revised Code, Section 3734.05, and the Board's Procedural Rules, 3734-1.