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## Ohio EPA Holds Public Hearing to Discuss South Field Energy Facility

Ohio EPA is accepting public comments on a draft permit for a combined-cycle gas turbine facility to be located in Wellsville, Columbiana County. The South Field Energy facility would be located on Hibbetts Mill Road in Wellsville.

The Aug. 18 public information session and hearing begins at 6 p.m. at Southern Ruritan Club Bingo Hall, 1142 Hillcrest Road, S.R. 45, Wellsville, during which the public can submit comments for the record concerning the draft permit.

The permit would allow the installation of a 1,150 megawatt gas turbine electric operating station that will utilize two combustion turbine generators, two supplementary heat recovery steam generators, two steam turbine generators and two cooling towers. Each gas turbine will have its own 180-foot stack. Additional equipment includes an auxiliary boiler, emergency diesel generator, emergency diesel fire pump and various storage tanks. Natural gas will be the primary fuel burned for the two combustion turbine generators, with ultra-low sulfur diesel as a secondary fuel.

If the permit is approved, total maximum air emissions would not be allowed to exceed levels that protect public health and the environment.

Ohio EPA does not have regulatory authority over issues such as siting, eminent domain, setbacks to homes, schools and businesses, noise levels, traffic, zoning or property value effects.

Interested parties may access complete instructions for reviewing the draft permit online and can request information at: [http://www.wapp.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/permits\\_issued/1422793.pdf](http://www.wapp.epa.ohio.gov/dapc/permits_issued/1422793.pdf), by entering the ID number P0119495.

Written comments are considered the same as oral testimony presented at the hearing. Written comments must be received by the close of business on August 22. They can be mailed to Ohio EPA Northeast District Office, Corey Kurjian, 2110 East Aurora Road, Twinsburg, Ohio 44087, or via email, [corey.kurjian@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:corey.kurjian@epa.ohio.gov).

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