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Intel Project Fact Sheet

Environmental Permits Needed and Public Involvement Process

There are two main environmental permits Intel will need for its facility: an isolated wetland permit for wetlands impacts and air permits

Air Permitting

Larger facilities such as Intel must apply for a Permit-to-Install (PTI) before constructing a facility. A PTI allows the company to operate the source for up to a year after they complete construction before they must apply for a new Title V operating permit.

Public Participation Opportunities and Permit Process:

- When Ohio EPA receives a permit application, it issues a public notice in local papers and the Agency's Weekly Review. Anyone may review the permit application and associated documents.
- After the Agency has evaluated Intel's application and developed a draft permit, the Agency will issue a draft permit followed by a 30-day comment period and public hearing. You can provide comments during this period or at the formal public hearing.
- In addition, Ohio EPA conducts public information sessions to allow citizens to ask questions regarding the draft permit to help them develop their comments. During the public hearing, Ohio EPA takes oral comments for the official record. Comments on draft permits may be made orally or in writing during the comment period. All comments are weighed equally.

When recommending issuance or denial of a permit, the biggest consideration is the effect the new source will have on air quality. Protection of air quality and the health of surrounding residents is Ohio EPA's primary goal. Recommendations to approve or deny a permit are based on whether the proposed source meets all federal and state requirements and if it employs the best available technology (BAT). BAT is a case-by-case determination of an emission limit and/or control technique which, by taking into account environmental, energy and economic considerations, represents the maximum emission control achievable by the source. This level of control is necessary to ensure that the impact of the new source on the outdoor air is minimized. In no instance shall the emission level or control measure specified in the BAT determination be less stringent than that allowed under any state or federal rules.

For More Information

You can see upcoming public meetings online at epa.ohio.gov/home/news-and-events/all-events. If you are interested in learning about public comment periods and hearing regarding Intel, contact Mary McCarron at mary.mccarron@epa.ohio.gov or 614-644-2160 to be added to the Agency's interested party list for this site.