



Church of God Campground NPDES Permit Application

What is an NPDES permit?

Municipalities, industries, or other entities that send water to the surface water of Ohio must obtain a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) permit from Ohio EPA. NPDES permits regulate wastewater discharges by limiting the quantities of pollutants discharged and imposing monitoring requirements and other conditions. The limits and/or requirements in the permit help ensure compliance with Ohio's water quality standards and federal regulations, which were written to protect public health and the aquatic environment.

Which division of Ohio EPA issues NPDES permits?

The Division of Surface Water reviews permit applications and issues NPDES permits.

Who is applying for an NPDES permit?

Church of God Campground has applied for an NPDES permit to allow discharge from a wastewater treatment system at its facility near Morrow, Ohio.

Why does this facility want a permit?

The facility currently treats its wastewater and is permitted to apply the treated sewage solids on land. To allow for an expansion of the facility, its wastewater treatment system will need to be upgraded and discharge to surface water. If issued a final permit, the owner will add new treatment equipment including sand filters and ultraviolet disinfection to treat the wastewater before discharge.

Where will this system discharge wastewater?

The treated wastewater would discharge to an unnamed tributary to Watkins Run, which empties into the Little Miami River.

Will this affect the Little Miami River?

The NPDES permit is designed to protect water resources and public health and the environment, including the aquatic life that resides in our rivers and streams. The campground system pollutant concentrations would continue to protect the Little Miami River.

How can I comment on the proposed NPDES permit modification?

Comments on the draft NPDES permit may be sent to epa.dscomments@epa.ohio.gov or by mail to Ohio EPA-DSW, Attn: Permits Processing, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, OH 43216-1049 through **Jan. 11, 2024**. Ohio EPA's director will consider all comments submitted when deciding whether to issue a final permit.

Public Information Session and Public Hearing

Ohio EPA will host an information session and public hearing regarding this proposed NPDES permit application Jan. 4, 2024, at 6 p.m. at the Salem-Morrow Fire Dept, 5270 US-22, Morrow, Ohio 45152.

Additional Resources

Click this link to access the [permit application](#).