

Ranco North America – Plain City Statement of Basis

What is Ranco North America?

Ranco North America (currently owned by L&R Ranco Investments, LLC) manufactured thermal controls for 60 years at this site in Plain City until the late 1980s.

What is a Statement of Basis?

The Statement of Basis describes the process Ohio EPA uses under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) to select measures for containing or cleaning up a hazardous waste management facility. It is publicly noticed and allows the community to review it and provide comments to Ohio EPA.

Why is this necessary?

Ranco is currently subject to site-wide corrective action under the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) because it historically operated as a treatment, storage disposal (TSD) facility. Several Interim Measures (IMs), or corrective actions, have taken place at the facility to correct any actual or potential releases of hazardous waste or constituents from the facility which may endanger human health or the environment.

What is the History of RCRA?

Passed in 1976 as an amendment to the federal Solid Waste Disposal Act, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA) addressed the growing volume of municipal and industrial solid waste generated across the United States. RCRA's goals include protecting human health and the environment from waste disposal hazards, reducing the amount of waste generated, and ensuring that waste produced is managed in an environmentally sound manner.

What activities are going to occur at the site?

Ohio EPA's investigations have concluded that current site conditions do not pose an unacceptable risk to human health and the environment, and no additional corrective measures are necessary. However, land use restrictions will be required through an environmental covenant (EC). A site governance plan (SGP) will also be required to ensure any future development or remedies of the site are protective of human health and the environment.

How can I learn more about this?

Copies of the Statement of Basis for the Ranco site and other pertinent documents are available for public review at the Plain City Library, 305 W Main Street, Plain City, OH.

The Statement of Basis is also available for review on Ohio EPA's website: https://epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/environmental-response-revitalization/announcements/

How can I comment on the Corrective Action Plan?

Public comments are accepted through April 30, 2024. You may submit by email to Publiccomment@epa.ohio.gov or by mail to Ohio EPA, Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization, Attn: Martin Smith, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, OH 43216-1049. Please indicate the comments are concerning the Ranco Statement of Basis.

A public meeting will be held at 6:00 p.m. on April 23 at the Plain City Municipal Building, 800 Village Dr., Plain City, OH. Representatives from Ohio EPA will attend to provide information about the site and collect public comments.