

# Draft Hazardous Waste Permit Renewal and Comment Period

March 2023

**Facility Name:** Spring Grove Resources Recovery, Inc

**U.S. EPA I.D.:** OHD000816629

**Location:**

4879 Spring Grove Avenue  
Cincinnati, OH 45232

**Facility Owner:**

Spring Grove Resources Recovery, Inc.  
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**Facility Operator:**

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**Activity:**

Permit renewal for storage and treatment of hazardous waste in containers and tanks along with corrective action activities.

**Comment Period:**

[April 14, 2023 – May 31, 2023]

**Submit Comments to:**

Ohio EPA  
Stella Perdue  
Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization  
P.O. Box 1049  
Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049  
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77 West Jackson Boulevard  
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## What is the history of the hazardous waste program?

The Resource Conservation and Recovery Act (RCRA), an amendment to the Solid Waste Disposal Act, was passed in 1976. The main reason for the amendment was to address the growing volume of municipal and industrial solid waste generated across the United States. A few goals established by RCRA include: to protect human health and the environment from potential hazards of waste disposal, to reduce the amount of waste generated, and to ensure that waste produced are managed in an environmentally sound manner.

When RCRA was written, U.S. Congress' intent was for the states to assume primary responsibility for implementing the hazardous waste regulations with oversight from the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA). U.S. EPA must approve each state as an authorized state under RCRA (40 CFR Part 271). To become an authorized state, each must demonstrate that the state program is at least equivalent to and consistent with federal laws, provides adequate enforcement authority and provides availability of information similar to the federal program. Since 1989, the State of Ohio has been an authorized state by U.S. EPA for the majority of their hazardous waste program.

Currently, the State of Ohio is not authorized by U.S. EPA to issue a permit for organic air emissions (40 CFR Part 264, Subparts AA, BB, and CC) from hazardous waste storage units. U.S. EPA has drafted a RCRA permit to address organic air emissions from hazardous waste storage units. U.S. EPA's draft permit and the State of

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Ohio's draft permit have been issued concurrently and both share the same comment period.

## How can I become more involved?

All persons, including the applicant, may submit written comments relating to this draft action. Written comments or requests for a public meeting may be submitted before the end of the comment period to the address in the box on the front of the page. Ohio EPA and U.S. EPA will hold a public meeting if enough people request such a gathering. The agencies may modify the proposed permit or take other action based on new information or public comments, so your opinion is important.

U.S. EPA's permit decision making procedures are governed by the regulations at 40 C.F.R. Part 124, which among other things, provide for administrative records at §§ 124.9 and 124.18, public notice and comment at § 124.10, submission of written public comments and requests for hearing by interested persons at § 124.11, public hearings, including the criteria, at § 124.12, obligations to raise issues and providing information during the comment period at § 124.13, reopening comment periods at § 124.14, issuance of permits at § 124.15, response to comments at § 124.17, and appeals at § 124.19.

The comment period begins on April 14, 2023, and ends on May 31, 2023. Copies of the permit application and the draft permit are available for review by the public at the following locations:

Ohio EPA, Southwest District Office  
Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization  
401 East Fifth Street  
Dayton, Ohio 45402  
937-285-6357

Ohio EPA, Central Office  
Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization  
Lazarus Government Center

50 West Town St., Suite 700  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
(614) 644-2924

U.S. EPA, Region 5  
RCRA Branch, LR-17J  
77 West Jackson Boulevard  
Chicago, Illinois 60604-3590  
(312) 886-3781

Cincinnati Public Library – Northside Branch  
4219 Hamilton Ave.  
Cincinnati, Ohio 45223  
(513)369-4449

The Ohio draft permit is available for review by the public online on the Announcements page under the "April 2023" tab at:

<https://epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/environmental-response-revitalization/announcements>

The entire record for this draft action is available via Ohio EPA's eDocument portal:

<http://edocpub.epa.ohio.gov/publicportal/edoc/home.aspx>

Using the search function, search under the document type of "Permit" and then refine the search using the facility's RCRA ID number (Secondary ID) which is OHD000816629 and Permit Purpose which is "Renewal". Select from the list of documents, the document dated 03/31/2023.

The federal draft permit is available for review by the public online at:  
[www.epa.gov/region5/waste/permits/actions.htm](https://www.epa.gov/region5/waste/permits/actions.htm)

Within sixty (60) days of the close of the public comment period, Ohio EPA will, without prior hearing, issue the permit (or deny the request) in accordance with Chapter 3734 of the Ohio Revised Code (ORC). If Ohio EPA approves the application, taking into account public

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comments, a renewal permit will be issued with terms and conditions as are necessary to ensure compliance with hazardous waste rules.

After the close of the public comment period, U.S. EPA will review all comments received and decide whether to issue the permit. The final decision will include notification to those who submitted written comments during the official comment period. U.S. EPA will also prepare and send to all responders a document answering significant comments. Within thirty (30) days of a final decision, any person who submitted written comments or made a statement at the hearing if one is held may petition U.S. EPA's Environmental Appeals Board to review the decision.

## **What does the facility do?**

The Spring Grove Resources Recovery (SGRR) Facility provides commercial hazardous waste management services to a range of industrial clients. The facility is designed to serve small and medium-sized waste generators who require off-site waste recycling, bulk storage, and treatment programs.

## **What would this hazardous waste permit allow the facility to do?**

This permit allows SGRR to continue accepting waste for bulk storage, treatment, and shipping to approved off-site disposal facilities

## **Is this facility located in a potential Environmental Justice (EJ) Area?**

The United States Environmental Protection Agency provides access to a tool called EJSCREEN, an environmental justice screening and mapping tool. This tool provides a report based on criteria of a specific location.

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<sup>1</sup> The [EJScreen](#) report is part of the U.S. EPA administrative record. As discussed in that report,

The Facility is located in an area with potential environmental justice (EJ) concerns. An EJScreen report, using a three-mile radius around the property, identified twelve (12) environmental indexes above the 80th percentile.<sup>1</sup> Additionally, socioeconomic indicators for people of color, low income, and limited English speaking (linguistically isolated) were found to have high percentile values.

After reviewing the information contained in the report, it was determined that the facility is located in an EJ Area and does require language assistance. Due to this, the fact sheet has been translated into Spanish and is available to the public.

Other public involvement alternatives may be explored, if needed.

## **What is the regulatory basis to support this permit renewal?**

The Director has determined that SGGR Facility has submitted an application for renewal one hundred eighty (180) days prior to the expiration date of its present permit which was issued by Ohio EPA on March 26, 2013. The Director has considered the application, inspection reports, a report regarding the facility's compliance with the present permit, and the rules adopted under ORC Section 3734. The Director has found that the Part B permit application meets the Director's performance standards and that the facility has a history of compliance with this chapter, rules adopted under it, the existing permit, and orders entered into, which demonstrates reliability, expertise, and competency to subsequently operate the facility under this chapter, the rules, and the permit.

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EJScreen is a screening tool for pre-decisional use only.

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### **Who can I contact for more information?**

For additional information, please contact Pam Hull at (937) 285-6091 or Norberto Gonzalez of the U.S. EPA Regional Office in Chicago, Illinois at 312-353-1612.

To obtain notices in a different language, please contact Stella Perdue at (614)728-5332 or [stella.perdue@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:stella.perdue@epa.ohio.gov).