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### **Ohio EPA Issues Modified Water Permit to Belmont County Ethane Cracker Plant**

Today, Ohio EPA issued modifications to the wastewater discharge permit related to the proposed PTTGCA Petrochemical Complex that would be located at Old Route 7 and Ferry Landing Road (Hwy. 2), Shadyside.

“With today’s issuance of this modified permit, Ohio EPA’s environmental review of PTTGC America’s proposed ethane cracker plant is complete,” said Ohio EPA Director Craig W. Butler. “We have been careful to ensure this facility will not have an adverse impact on the air, water or health of the surrounding communities.”

The modifications to the wastewater discharge permit conditions will:

- decrease the levels of pollutants to be discharged to the Ohio River;
- change the locations where storm water, which is water that runs off impervious surfaces after rain events, will be discharged; and
- modify limits at an internal monitoring station that does not directly discharge to surface water.

Ohio EPA held a public information session and hearing in Belmont County on Dec. 12, 2018, and considered all comments received before making a final decision on this permit. These comments are addressed in a Response to Comments document. The final permit and the Response to Comments document are available on Ohio EPA’s website at [epa.ohio.gov/Portals/35/permits/SCOSW-ONLYP18122713180.pdf](http://epa.ohio.gov/Portals/35/permits/SCOSW-ONLYP18122713180.pdf).

Issuance of final permit modifications can be appealed to the [Ohio Environmental Review Appeals Commission](#) (ERAC). Appeals generally must be filed within 30 days of issuing a final action; therefore, anyone considering filing an appeal should contact ERAC at (614) 466-8950 for more information.

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