

**Mega Gasification Plant (CREG Center) proposed at Ridge Road Transfer Station**  
(near the Zoo/Brookside Reservation)

The Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (OEPA) has issued a [draft permit-to-install](#) (PTI) to Cleveland Public Power (CPP), Cleveland's municipal electric company. CPP plans to install a municipal solid waste-to-energy facility at 3727 Ridge Rd in the Old Brooklyn neighborhood.

**Ohio EPA public hearing**

**Monday, January 9, 2012 at 6:00 p.m.**

Estabrook Recreation Center, 4125 Fulton Road, 44144.

Please attend and comment. Written comments may also be submitted on the draft permit until January 23rd, 2012.

Ohio EPA news release:

[www.epa.ohio.gov/portals/47/nr/2011/december/ClevelandPublicPower.pdf](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/portals/47/nr/2011/december/ClevelandPublicPower.pdf)

Cleveland Recycling & Energy Generation (CREG) Center page on Cleveland Public Power: [www.cpp.org/CREGCenter.html](http://www.cpp.org/CREGCenter.html)

Learn more:

Earthday Coalition: at [www.earthdaycoalition.org/content/clean-air](http://www.earthdaycoalition.org/content/clean-air).

There are links to further sources of information.

EcoWatch: [ecowatch.org/2011/campaign-launched-against-proposed-garbage-incinerator/](http://ecowatch.org/2011/campaign-launched-against-proposed-garbage-incinerator/)

Cleveland's proposed trash combustor will be located at the city's Ridge Road Transfer Station. The plant may be designed to accept 2,000 (to 3,000) tons of trash per day, will operate 24/7, might cost \$180 million, will accept waste from other communities, and might supply about 20 Megawatts of power (*15Mw for Cleveland Public Power and 5 Mw to run the plant*).

Though presented as a clean source of energy, gasification still involves the cooking of trash at high temperatures and the release of *toxic pollutants* into the air. As proposed, the facility would be one of the top air polluters in Cuyahoga County. Recycling is more energy efficient than combustion. Recycling and composting far exceed all other waste management options in reducing greenhouse gas emissions. ~ Earth Day Coalition

What will be coming out of the stacks of this incinerator will not be the only problem for those living next to the plant. The plant will not only accept waste from the City of Cleveland. It will also accept waste from the region. Today, approximately 250 truck loads of waste come daily to the Ridge Road transfer station where the project will be built. According to the city, the incinerator could increase truck traffic up to 550 trucks per day—which would mean a garbage truck coming in every one and a half minutes.

In 2009, *Cleveland's residential recycling rate was 8.5%*. By comparison, Portland and Seattle lead major cities with programs that achieve 75% recycling rates) By comparison, Portland and Seattle lead major cities with programs that achieve 75% recycling rates). ~ Marc Lefkowitz, Green City Blue Lake

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