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Health District Comments Regarding Draft Air Permit Issued by Ohio Environmental Protection Agency to Sunny Farms Landfill

Tiffin, OH, August 30, 2021- Seneca County Health Commissioner Anne Goon reported today that the Seneca County General Health District submitted comments to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) in mid-July 2021 regarding a draft air permit issued to Sunny Farms Landfill.

While the Seneca County Board of Health has no formal role in the issuance of air permits, the General Health District provided these comments to Ohio EPA in mid-July regarding aspects of concern in the draft air permit. The Health District's letter outlines feedback on Ohio EPA's working draft permit and remaining concerns based on the April 2021 draft of Sunny Farms Landfill's Maintenance, Monitoring, and Recordkeeping Plan. A copy of the letter can be found on the Health District's website at www.senecahealthdept.org/.

Ohio EPA is accepting public comments about the draft permit until 5 pm on September 7, 2021. Written comments can be submitted via email to alyse.wineland@epa.ohio.gov, or mail to Alyse Wineland, Ohio EPA Northwest District Office, 347 Dunbridge Road, Bowling Green, OH 43402.

The federal Clean Air Act establishes a number of permitting programs designed to carry out the goals of the Act. In Ohio, most of these programs are carried out by the Ohio EPA. According to a press release issued by Ohio EPA on August 18, it has issued a draft air permit to Sunny Farms Landfill that proposes to require the company to install equipment to control sulfur dioxide emissions from the landfill flare and continue to control hydrogen sulfide emissions from the landfill. If the permit is approved, Sunny Farms Landfill will install a hydrogen sulfide removal system and enclosed flare. The draft air permit includes limits for hydrogen sulfide and sulfur dioxide emissions.

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