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Solid Waste

At the end of 2013, Ohio EPA **discontinued external meetings and began internal discussions related to the review and potential updating of the solid waste program – The 592 Review.**



Solid Waste

Since that time, according to discussions with Ohio EPA staff, the Agency has been developing internal recommendations for moving forward with possible regulatory changes in the second quarter of 2014.

It is unclear at this time what proposals Ohio EPA is prepared to move forward with and how it will advance them (i.e. legislatively or through rulemaking).

This topic bears careful monitoring, as any program changes may have significant impacts on solid waste management in Ohio.

Solid Waste

Issues of Note:

- Changes to solid waste fees
- Changes to structure and number of solid waste management districts
- Flow Control – where solid waste can be disposed of, could complicate management issues if district structure changes



Surface Water

Ohio EPA completed early stakeholder outreach in mid-February 2014 for O.A.C. Rule 3745-42-02: **Permits to Install and Plan Approvals for Water Pollution Control.**

The Agency is **considering adding exemptions to the permit to install rule** for certain types of internal plant modifications and pilot projects as well as other changes.

Surface Water



The Agency anticipates **draft rule publication for interested party comment in the spring of 2014.**

The rule **may reduce regulatory requirements for certain types of changes and improvements to wastewater management at industrial facilities.**



Surface Water

Both federal and State legislation may result from the recent spat of water related spills, including the spill on the Elk River in West Virginia that resulted in the loss of drinking water to several hundred thousand West Virginians in and around Charleston.

On the federal level, Sen. Joe Manchin has introduced ***The Chemical Safety and Drinking Water Protection Act of 2014***, which would set minimum federal standards for State programs regulating aboveground storage tanks.

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The Act focuses on:

- inspections
- basic requirements for construction and secondary containment



The legislation also includes provisions to enhance the ability of drinking water providers to respond to emergencies and a cost recovery provision for States.

The spotlight on water quality protection resulting from the January 9, 2014 Elk River spill **has been intensified by the highly publicized February 2, 2014 ash pond spill into the Dan River in North Carolina.**

A grand jury **subpoena has been issued to Duke Energy Corp. in connection with a federal criminal investigation of that spill.**

A recent spill from an oil pipeline in Ohio last week has also raised additional concerns.

