



**Environmental  
Protection Agency**

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Councilman Brian J. Cummins  
Cleveland City Council  
601 Lakeside Avenue  
Room 216  
Cleveland, Ohio 44114

Dear Councilman Cummins,

Thank you council member Cummins, we appreciate your input and will try to provide answers to the questions you raised in your letter at Monday night's public meeting. I appreciate your concern regarding public access to information on this project. Ohio EPA considers citizen input essential in our permit review process and that is why we are holding this public hearing as a courtesy to the community.

Ohio EPA technical staff reviewed the application Cleveland Public Power originally submitted on March 11, 2011, and later amended to remove a claim of confidentiality and issued a draft air permit for the facility. As we do for each community that has a facility of public interest, we chose to hold a public information session and public hearing regarding this facility. We public noticed the hearing and distributed a news release and citizen advisory announcing the meeting to local papers, citizens, environmental groups and local officials. We have also provided a Spanish language citizen advisory to those who have requested a translation.

We have accommodated environmental groups' request to extend the comment period to Jan. 23, 2012. I feel that Monday night's public meeting will provide the community an opportunity to discuss and comment on the draft permit pending at Ohio EPA. At Monday's meeting, Ohio EPA staff will only be able to discuss the draft permit and information contained in the application. We will not be able to discuss any meetings, discussions or agreements the City of Cleveland has had with Cleveland Public Power. If you or citizens have questions or concerns about the financing, zoning or other local agreements, you will need to discuss that with city officials.

Sincerely,

Chris Abbuzzese  
Deputy Director for Communications