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LIMITED ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW AVAILABILITY NOTICE

The Ohio EPA, through the Water Pollution Control Loan Fund (WPCLF) program, is considering funding a wastewater treatment plant (WWTP) improvements project in Hillsboro, Ohio, which is subject to environmental review requirements. This project is estimated currently to cost about \$579,651 and expected to receive a 0.53% hardship interest rate WPCLF loan in December 2019.

Project Description: This construction loan project is to fund installing a rotary filter press, conveyer, site piping, and related appurtenances and equipment inside an existing building at the City of Hillsboro's WWTP. More specifically, the proposed rotary press will include at least four main parts: a drive system, dewatering channels, a rotary press base, and cake outlet chutes. As part of this project, a mechanical agitation vessel to assure proper flocculation, piping, instrumentation, and controls are needed to make the sludge dewatering system fully functional.

All the proposed WWTP improvements (including the four main listed components, the required site work, and electrical system upgrades) will be made within prior disturbed areas inside the WWTP site. By completing this proposed project, Hillsboro expects to have a more reliable means of handling its secondary sludge at its WWTP, while continuing to produce a Class B (regular quality) sludge. Restoring the project area to its existing (or better) condition is an additional component of this proposed project.

As Ohio EPA has issued a Limited Environmental Review (LER) document and an accompanying Final Finding of No Significant Impact (FNSI) on this project, this notice is to advise the public that it will have through early December 2019 in which to access the LER. This public information period will begin with the release of the LER to the public at the city's offices, Ohio EPA's web site, and distribution of the document to interested parties. With this release, the LER document may be viewed at either: the city's offices located at 130 North High Street, Hillsboro, Ohio 45133; the city's website; or at Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance (DEFA) website at:

<https://www.epa.ohio.gov/defa/ofa>

Once there, please scroll down to the "Documents Available for Review and Comment" heading at the bottom of the linked page. Then, please click on the WPCLF Documents for Review and Comment heading to see a list of documents available for downloading. A copy of the referenced LER will be posted there.

On the other hand, if you would like to receive either an electronic copy via email, or a paper copy of the document via U.S. mail, please contact Kevin Hinkle of Ohio EPA at either: kevin.hinkle@epa.ohio.gov or (614) 644-3712.