

*United States and State of Ohio v. Northeast Ohio
Regional Sewer District*

Consent Decree
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**Federal Supplemental Environmental
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To Consent Decree, *United States and State of Ohio v. Northeast Ohio Regional Sewer District (N.D. Ohio)*

Collection and Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste at Special Waste Convenience Center (Center) or Alternative Location

The Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District (“CCSWD”) currently conducts a twice-yearly Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up event, during which it collects approximately 500,000 pounds of household hazardous materials for recycling. Collection of this material ensures that it is not improperly disposed of in local waterways. Materials collected include motor oil, oil-based paints, pesticides, mercury, batteries, and propane tanks. While the Household Hazardous Waste Round-Up events have been successful, they are too infrequent to adequately serve residents in Cuyahoga County. CCSWD is currently renovating an abandoned structure in the City of Garfield Heights to serve as a collection center (“Center”), but has represented to the Parties that it will only have sufficient funding to be able to operate the Center twice a year. The purpose of this SEP is to increase the amount of household hazardous waste collected by providing for collection days in addition to the CCSWD Round-Up events.

NEORS shall be responsible for the conduct and funding of at least one collection day per month for four years or until NEORS spends at least \$1,000,000 in creditable operating expenses, whichever is longer. The SEP shall consist of: arranging for a central location where communities within Cuyahoga County, in the Greater Cleveland area, can deliver household hazardous waste collected from residents (or where residents can drop their own waste off); arranging to have the waste picked up from the central location and be properly disposed of; and notifying the surrounding communities of the dates and locations of the collection events and encouraging residents to participate. NEORS may use the Center or any other suitable location for the central drop off location. NEORS also may use contractors or consultants in implementing the SEP including, without limitation, CCSWD. NEORS currently estimates that, resulting from the conduct and funding of this work, the Center or alternate location will collect and dispose of approximately 1,000,000 pounds per year of household hazardous wastes. However, the exact amount of waste collected will depend on the volume of waste generated in the communities, and the cost of disposal will vary depending on the type and relative toxicity of the waste received.

NEORS shall begin the monthly collection and disposal activities no later than the month of April 2011. Eligible expenses include NEORS’s documented costs for collection and disposal of household hazardous waste.