



City of Cleveland Memorandum

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SUBJECT: Public hearing for MSWE Project

The City of Cleveland and its partners (Cuyahoga County Solid Waste District, Cleveland Foundation, AMP-Ohio, APPA and others) have worked to develop the Municipal Solid Waste to Energy (MSWE) Project for a number of years. CPP developed MSWE dating back to mid 2007. Legislation was introduced and passed related to various aspects of the project with hearings in City County Council in 2008 for the Feasibility Study and 2009 for the Facility Design. Also in 2009, Cleveland formed a Steering Team to guide the development process and think through and assist with project development. In March of this year, the City executed a Facility Design Agreement with Princeton Environmental Group for the preliminary design needed in order for the City to obtain an air permit.

GT Environmental, Princeton's subcontractor and environmental air permit expert has determined that Cleveland should apply for the Synthetic Minor Facility air permit. Although not required for this type of air permit a public hearing would provide the community an opportunity to become familiar with the project. It would allow interested parties to voice their concerns and/or provide support for the project. To date, the City's MSWE Steering Team has operated on a lower profile basis. The proposed public hearing would be an opportunity for the public to gain first hand information on the project.

The timing appears right for a public hearing on MSWE. The City is in the process of applying for an air permit, and this process may attract media coverage. By proactively scheduling a public hearing, the City will be making first impressions and shaping early expectations. The initial public hearing would be in November and depending on the timing and public interest a follow up hearing could be scheduled for December or January. The MSWE Development Team and the Steering Team's Public Relation and Consumer Education Sub Team, including the representative Council member, could help plan the meetings.