



**ARCO Recycling Center Update
October 28, 2017**

Since Ohio EPA closed the Arco site, it has been working with local partners to safeguard the residents of East Cleveland and remove the C&DD materials left onsite. The Agency has allocated \$6 million to remove the material from the site and significant resources to ensure that the facility is not adversely impacting the surrounding community.

On Saturday, October 28, the East Cleveland Fire Department (ECFD) responded to an early morning call reporting smoke at the Arco site. Fire personnel have contained the situation and are currently onsite along with representatives from the Cuyahoga County Board of Health (CCBH) and the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA). At this time, we believe that there is no imminent danger or public health threat to local residents. To allow fire personnel to perform their job without interference, we ask the public stay away from the site.

ECFD and CCBH officials are familiar with the Arco site and have responded quickly and appropriately.

Air monitoring of particulate matter has been ongoing throughout the excavation process and will continue throughout the response to this thermal reaction. Additional testing is being conducted to ensure that there are no unforeseen issues as a result of this incident.

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