OHIO COASTAL MANAGEMENT PROGRAM
POLICY 35 – ENERGY RESOURCE STORAGE AND TRANSSHIPMENT

IT IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE OF OHIO TO REGULATE THE STORAGE OF ENERGY RELATED RESOURCES (COAL, OIL AND GAS) IN THE COASTAL AREA THROUGH PLANNING ASSISTANCE AND PERMIT REVIEW TO ASSURE THE SAFE AND EFFICIENT USE OF THESE RESOURCES; AND TO ENSURE THAT AIR, WATER AND OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL STANDARDS ARE MET (O.R.C. 4906.06 AND O.A.C. 4906-13-02).

Authorities and Administration

The location and layout of all storage areas for proposed major utility facilities (O.R.C. 4906.01(B)) is reviewed by the Ohio Power Siting Board (PSB) as a part of the certification process described in Policy 34. O.R.C. 4906.06 and O.A.C. 4906-13 require a description of the location of the storage facility and the major utility facility to be built thereon, as well as a summary of any studies made regarding potential environmental impacts of the facility. O.A.C. 4906-13-02 requires an applicant for a PSB certificate to supply a map of the generating plant site showing the fuel storage facilities, fuel processing facilities, and other pertinent installations of the proposed and existing facilities and their associated facilities. O.A.C. 4906-13-04 requires an applicant to provide detailed and specific environmental data for all phases of the activity, i.e., preconstruction, construction and operation to be used by the PSB to assess environmental effects of the proposed facility. O.A.C. 4906-13-05 requires submission of costs and benefits of direct and indirect effects of alternative siting decisions to allow for assessment of potential social and ecological impacts of the proposed facility.

Authorities related to the storage and transshipment of coal, oil and gas in locations unrelated to major utility facilities are discussed in Chapter 10.

In addition to other guidelines used in the project review process, projects that locate storage and transshipment facilities adjacent to major energy facilities, in port areas already used for industrial purposes, or removed from the immediate shoreline, will be encouraged.

Complete details regarding Ohio's energy facility planning process are provided in Chapter 10.