

Public Hearing
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Five-Year Rule Review of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-17, Particulate Matter Standards

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC) has performed a review of the above referenced rules primarily to satisfy the requirements of Section 119.032 of the Ohio Revised Code (five-year review). The DAPC finds the following rules to be necessary and with need for changes. The DAPC proposes to amend Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-17, particulate matter standards. The amendments are being proposed to remove facilities and emission units that have been permanently shutdown since the last review and to add an additional compliance option for certain facilities, including utilities, that are required to use a continuous opacity monitor to comply with visible emissions requirements. Other changes can be found in the Rule Synopsis included with the rule package.

Pursuant to Section 121.39 of the Ohio Revised Code, DAPC was required to consult with interested parties affected by the rules before the Division formally adopts them. On June 8, 2016, these rules went out for a 31-day review by interested parties.

Pursuant to Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, a public hearing on these rule changes will be conducted on Tuesday, July 11, 2017 at 10:30 AM at Ohio EPA, Lazarus Government Center, 50 W. Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio. All visitors to Ohio EPA must register at the Security desk in the lobby upon arrival. Please bring photo identification (such as a valid driver's license). For security reasons, visitors are required to wear their badge at all times while in the building. Please arrive early to complete these procedures.

Pursuant to Part D of Title I of the Clean Air Act, Ohio EPA is required to establish a state implementation plan (SIP) for the attainment and maintenance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS). The above-mentioned rules are a part of Ohio's SIP and the proposed amendments will be submitted to USEPA as a modification of the SIP. The above-mentioned hearing shall be considered the public hearing for the SIP submittal.

All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented at the hearing and give written or oral comments on these rule changes. All oral comments presented at the hearing, and all written statements submitted at the hearing or by the close of business on July 11, 2017, will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this rule. Written statements submitted after July 11, 2017, may be considered as time and circumstances permit, but will not be part of the official record of the hearing.

These rules are available on DAPC's Web page for electronic downloading. The URL is: <http://epa.ohio.gov/dapc/DAPCrules.aspx> and see the information under the "proposed rules" tab. Questions regarding accessing the web site should be directed to Paul Braun at 614-644-3734; other questions or comments about these rules should be directed to Michael Maleski at Ohio EPA, (614) 644-1961, michael.maleski@epa.ohio.gov, or mailed to Michael Maleski, Ohio EPA, Division Air Pollution Control, Lazarus Government Center, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049. Persons submitting comments electronically are encouraged to follow-up with a hard copy via regular mail.