

**Public Hearing**  
**Ohio Environmental Protection Agency**  
**Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-19**  
**Open Burning Program Rules**

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 106.03 and 106.031 (5-year rule review), the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC) has reviewed the rules contained in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-19. The rules in this chapter are related to Ohio's open burning program. The rules set the requirements for open burning in restricted and unrestricted areas and provide guidelines on the types of open burning in Ohio and when permissions and notifications are required.

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 May 31, 2017, these rules went out for a 30+-day review by interested parties. Several sets of comments were received, and Ohio EPA's responses to the comments are presented at our website, linked below.

Pursuant to Section 106.03 and 106.031 of the Ohio Revised Code, a public hearing on these rule changes will be conducted on **Tuesday, January 9, 2018 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 January 9, 2018 will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this rule. Written statements submitted after January 9, 2018 may be considered as time and circumstances permit, but will not be part of the official record of the hearing.

These rules and associated documents are available on DAPC's Web page for electronic downloading. The URL is: <http://epa.ohio.gov/dapc/DAPCrules.aspx>. Please see the information under the "proposed rules" tab. Questions regarding accessing the web site and any other questions or comments about these rules should be directed to Paul Braun at Ohio EPA, (614) 644-3734, [paul.braun@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:paul.braun@epa.ohio.gov) or mailed to Paul Braun, 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.