

**Public Hearing**  
**Ohio Environmental Protection Agency**  
**Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-22**  
**“Asbestos Hazard Abatement Contractors, Specialists & Other Professionals”**  
**New Rules**

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC) has prepared new rule language for the transfer of the Ohio Department of Health (ODH) Asbestos program to the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) Asbestos program. This would allow the director of environmental protection to adopt the rules governing asbestos hazard abatement contractors, specialists, project designers, workers, training courses and other professionals currently existing and regulated by ODH in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3701-34.

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 August 31, 2016, these rules went out for a 23-day review by interested parties. One set of comments was 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 Thursday, November 16, 2017 at 3:00 PM 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.

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 November 16, 2017 will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this rule. Written statements submitted after November 16, 2017 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.