



Early Stakeholder Outreach — Ohio's Ambient Air Quality Standards Rule

Ohio EPA prepares early stakeholder outreach fact sheets to ensure stakeholders are brought into the review process as early as possible and to obtain additional input and discussion before development of interested party draft rules.

What does OAC Rule 3745-25-02 cover?

The rules in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-25 establish Ohio's ambient air quality standards, identify the criteria under which an emergency episode exists, and address procedures to be followed and actions to be taken in the event of an emergency.

OAC rule 3745-25-02 contains Ohio's ambient air quality standards. The standards in this rule are intended to adopt the current national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS) into the OAC and fulfill the requirements in the Clean Air Act as a part of Ohio's state implementation plan (SIP) for the attainment and maintenance of the NAAQS.

Why are these rules being sent out for Early Stakeholder Outreach?

The first step in the rule-making process is for Ohio EPA to identify that a rule needs to be amended, rescinded, or created. In response to EO 2011-01K, Ohio EPA has added an additional step to ensure stakeholders are brought into the rule process as early as possible. This additional interested party notification and request for information will allow for early feedback before the rule language has been developed by the Agency.

What changes are being considered?

Ohio EPA is currently aware of a need to amend the rule to add the 2015 NAAQS for Ozone. Ohio EPA may also make minor changes to correct typographical errors or update the rule to state and agency grammatical standards. Ohio EPA is currently not aware of any other significant changes required of this rule.

Who will be regulated by these rules?

The rules in this chapter apply to all citizens and businesses in the state of Ohio.

What is the rulemaking schedule?

Upon completion of the Early Stakeholder Outreach portion of this rulemaking, Ohio EPA will make any changes necessary to the rule language and make a draft of the rule language available to the public for a 30-day review.

What input is the Agency seeking?

The following questions may help guide you as you develop your comments.

- Is the general regulatory framework proposed the most appropriate? Should the Agency consider any alternative framework?

How can I provide input?

The Agency is seeking stakeholder input on potential amendments to OAC rule 3745-25-02. When preparing your comments, be sure to:

- explain your views as clearly as possible;
- describe any assumptions used;
- provide any technical information and/or data used to support your views;
- explain how you arrived at your estimate for potential burdens, benefits or costs;
- provide specific examples to illustrate your views; and
- offer alternatives.

Written comments will be accepted through close of business **Tuesday, April 24, 2018**.

Please submit input to:

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What if I have questions?

This rule can be found on Ohio EPA's website for electronic downloading at:

http://epa.ohio.gov/dapc/regs/3745_25.aspx
or contact Mr. Braun (information provided above).

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- What options are available for improving an identified concept? What options are available for improving the existing rules?
- Are there considerations the Agency should take into account when updating the existing rules? Are there considerations the Agency should take into account when developing a specific concept?
- Is there any information or data the Agency should be aware of when developing program concepts or rule language?

The following questions may help guide you as you develop your comments.

Ohio EPA would especially like to hear information regarding the following from stakeholders who may be impacted by the new program.

- Would this regulatory program have a positive impact on your business? Please explain how.
- Would this regulatory program have an adverse impact on your business? If so, please identify the nature of the adverse impact (for example, license fees, fines, employer time for compliance).

Contact

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