

Public Hearing
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Proposed Rule Language for Ohio's PTI and PTIO Program Rules
Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Rule 3745-31-01

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 and is proposing changes. On August 24, 2016, USEPA published their final rule in 81 FR 58010 regarding the requirements for state implementation plans (SIP) for attaining and maintaining the 2012 national ambient air quality standard (NAAQS) for particulate matter less than 2.5 microns in diameter (PM_{2.5}).

As part of Ohio's SIP, Ohio EPA has performed a comprehensive precursor demonstration to show that volatile organic compounds (VOC) and ammonia are an insignificant source of PM_{2.5} for the purpose of new source review in nonattainment areas. The non-significance finding was submitted to USEPA as part of Ohio's attainment demonstration for the 2012 PM_{2.5} annual standard on October 14, 2016. (<http://epa.ohio.gov/dapc/SIP/2013.aspx>)

This rulemaking is intended to modify OAC rule 3745-31-01 to reflect this finding.

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 July 22, 2016, these rules went out for a 30-day review by interested parties. Two 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 **Friday, February 10, 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.

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 February 10, 2017 will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this rule. Written statements submitted after February 10, 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 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.