

Public Hearing
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Five-Year Rule Review of Ohio Administrative Code (OAC)
Chapters 3745-79, "Small Business Technical Assistance Rules"

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 106.03 and 106.031 of the Ohio Revised Code (five-year review). The DAPC finds these rules to be necessary and with need for minor changes.

The rules in this chapter fulfill a mandate of Section 507 of the Clean Air Act for states to establish a small business assistance program. The program created by these rules and ORC 3704.18 helps small businesses understand and comply with air pollution regulations. In Ohio, the functions of this program are performed by the Office of Compliance Assistance and Pollution Prevention (OCAPP), located within Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance.

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 26, 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 **Tuesday, October 25, 2016 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 October 25, 2016, will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this rule. Written statements submitted after October 25, 2016, 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 dated September 20, 2016. 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 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.