



**BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

June 17, 2016

**Public Notice: Proposed Rulemaking Governing the
Underground Injection Control Rules, Minor Amendments.**

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters (DDAGW) is proposing draft minor amendments to rules in Chapter 3745-34 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). The draft amendments are, in part, a result of the five-year rule review requirements of Section 106.03 of the Revised Code.

OAC rules 3745-34-01, 3745-34-04, 3745-34-08, 3745-34-12, 3745-34-23, 3745-34-34 and 3745-34-40 are included in this package. The draft minor amendments include the following:

- Removed nonessential references and rule language.
- Revised Class II and Class III well language to be consistent with the governing Agency (Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources).
- Updated rule references.
- Revised permit fees.
- Added language to be consistent with the federal counterparts.
- Added language to reflect state statute.
- Clarified that wells with mechanical integrity are authorized to inject waste and hazardous wells must follow operating requirements in OAC rule 3745-34-56.
- Added language to point to performance standards.
- Added language requiring an owner/operator to follow the approved plan and allow for deviations from the approved plan during field work.

As part of the rulemaking process, the Agency is required by Section 121.39 of the Ohio Revised Code to consult with organizations that represent political subdivisions, environmental interests, business interests, and others affected by these rules. Additionally, the Agency is working with the Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Office. The Agency is offering you and your organization the opportunity to comment on the draft rules and CSI Business Impact Analysis (BIA) Form, before the division formally proposes them.

To obtain a copy of the proposed rules, contact Susan Kramer at Ohio EPA at (614) 644-2752 or email at Susan.Kramer@epa.ohio.gov. Please request the "UIC minor amendments" and be sure to include your name, telephone number, and complete mailing address. There is no charge for the copies. The draft rules will be available on the Agency web page until they are

formally proposed with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). They can be found at <http://epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/rules.aspx> on the "Interested Party Review" tab.

Comments can be submitted in hard copy to the following address: "Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, P.O. Box 1049, Lazarus Government Center, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, Attn: Susan Kramer" or by email to ddagw_rulecomments@epa.ohio.gov. Comments should be received at the above address by close of business, **July 8, 2016**.