



**BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

August 24, 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) proposed minor revisions to rules in Chapter 3745-34 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). The proposed 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.

A public hearing pursuant to §106.03 of the Ohio Revised Code will be conducted on Sept. 28, 2016, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room A at the Ohio EPA, Lazarus Government Center, 50 West Town Street, Columbus, Ohio. All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented and give their written or oral comments on this proposed rule-making. A presiding officer will be present until all interested persons have been heard.

To facilitate scheduling of oral presentations, persons intending to give testimony at the hearing should ensure that Ohio EPA receives notice of such intent by Sept. 27, 2016, 5:00 p.m. Persons who provide Ohio EPA with prior notice will be heard ahead of persons who register at the hearing. **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. To provide notice of intent to give oral comments at the public hearing, contact Susan Kramer by mail at Ohio EPA, DDAGW, Lazarus Government Center, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or by phone at (614) 644-2752.

In order to ensure that written comments are considered as part of the official record of this hearing, written comments must be received by Ohio EPA by the close of business Sept. 28, 2016. Written comments on the proposed rules may be given to the presiding officer during the hearing, sent by mail to Susan Kramer at the address above, or sent by email to the following address ddagw_rulecomments@epa.ohio.gov.

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 proposed rules. The proposed rules will be available on the Agency web page until their adoption or withdrawal. They can be found at <http://epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/rules.aspx> on the "Proposed Rules" 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, Sept. 28, 2016.