

Finding of significant impact.

- (A) If the director determines as a result of an environmental assessment that a potentially significant adverse environmental impact may occur, unless the applicant withdraws the assistance proposal for funding consideration or modifies the assistance proposal to avoid the potentially significant environmental impact, the director shall distribute a draft finding of significant impact and the environmental assessment document for public review for a thirty day period. The draft finding of significant impact shall identify the potential significant impacts to environmental attributes.

- (B) The director may consider public comments received regarding the draft finding of significant impact in determining whether to issue a final finding of significant impact. If, as a result of public comments received, the director's conclusions regarding the potential for significant environmental impacts remain unchanged, the director may provide the applicant with an opportunity to submit a proposal for avoiding or mitigating the identified significant adverse environmental impacts. If the applicant chooses not to submit a proposal for avoiding or mitigating the identified significant adverse environmental impacts, then the director shall issue a finding of significant impact.

- (C) The director shall not provide financial assistance from the Ohio water pollution control loan fund to any assistance proposal for which the most recent environmental review has resulted in a finding of significant impact.