



Early Stakeholder Outreach – Campground Rule

For DSW's Permit to Install Program OAC 3745-42

What rulemaking is Ohio EPA considering?

Ohio EPA is considering a new rule in the Permit to Install Program Chapter 3745-42 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC), which will establish standards for the construction, operation and maintenance of sewage disposal systems located at recreational vehicle parks, recreation camps, combined park-camps and temporary park-camps (collectively called "campgrounds"). The agency is required by Section 6111.46 of the Revised Code to adopt a rule for these facilities.

What is the scope of the rule being considered?

Ohio Department of Health (ODH) reviews plans, issues licenses and inspects campgrounds. ODH's rules in OAC Chapter 3701-26 require campgrounds to meet Ohio EPA's standards for water, sewage and gray water systems. The rule being considered will include permit to install requirements for sewage and gray water systems. Ohio EPA is working with ODH on this rule development. ODH is also working on the review of their rules for campgrounds.

Why is this rulemaking being sent out for Early Stakeholder Outreach?

The first step in the rule-making process is for Ohio EPA to identify that a rule needs to be amended, rescinded, or created. In response to Executive Order (EO) 2011-01K, Ohio EPA has added an additional step to ensure stakeholders are brought into the rule process as early as possible. This additional interested party notification and request for information provides opportunity for early input before the rule language has been developed by the Agency.

Who will be regulated by this rulemaking?

The rule will be applicable to existing and proposed recreational vehicle parks, recreation camps, combined park-camps, and temporary park-camps as defined in Section 3729.01 of the Revised Code.

What is the rulemaking schedule?

The Agency is planning to release a draft version of the rule for interested party review and comment later in 2013.

What additional information is the Agency seeking?

The Agency wants to hear from interested stakeholders who may be impacted by this rulemaking. General comments and specific factual information are welcome. Ohio EPA is specifically asking for stakeholders to identify the following:

- Does this rulemaking impact your business?
- Does this rulemaking have an adverse impact on your business? If so, please identify the nature of the adverse impact (e.g., license fees, fines, employer time for compliance).
- Is there an alternative rulemaking (or specific provisions within the rule) that the Agency should consider?
- What are the benefits of the rulemaking?

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What should I consider as I prepare my comments?

You may find the following suggestions helpful for preparing your comments:

1. Explain your views as clearly as possible.
2. Describe any assumptions that you used.
3. Provide any technical information and/or data you used that support your views.
4. If you estimate potential burden or costs, explain how you arrived at your estimate.
5. Provide specific examples to illustrate your concerns.
6. Offer alternatives.
7. Make sure to submit your comments by the comment period deadline.

How can I provide input on the rulemaking?

Please submit your comments in one of the following ways:

By email: dsw_rulecomments@epa.ohio.gov

By fax: (614) 644-2745

By postal mail: Rule Coordinator, Ohio EPA, Division of Surface Water, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, OH 43216-1049

Comments on the rule must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. on September 6, 2013.

How can I get more information?

Additional information is available on the following websites:

- This fact sheet is available on the Division of Surface Water website at www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/dswrules.aspx.
- Ohio Department of Health's Camps: Recreation/RV Parks program website: www.odh.ohio.gov/odhPrograms/eh/parks/park2.aspx.

For more information about the rulemaking, please contact: Mark Stump at (614) 644-2028 or mark.stump@epa.ohio.gov.