

**BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**Public Notice
Proposed Rulemaking Governing
Water Quality Standards**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Environmental Protection, under the authority of Sections 6111.041 of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with Chapter 119, proposes to amend the following rules of the Ohio Administrative Code:

Rule #	Rule Title
3745-1-14	Ashtabula river drainage basin.
3745-1-15	Little Beaver creek drainage basin.
3745-1-16	Southeast Ohio tributaries drainage basin.
3745-1-18	Little Miami river drainage basin.
3745-1-27	Black river drainage basin.

These rules address the water quality standards program beneficial use designation regulations.

The purpose of this rule making is to update the above five rules to reflect the latest scientific information. The following five rules in this chapter: OAC 3745-1-08, 3745-1-20, 3745-1-22, 3745-1-26 and 3745-1-28 are being filed concurrently with no changes.

The public comment period will run until **July 1, 2015**. A public hearing on this proposed rule making will be held to consider public comments in accordance with Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. This hearing will be held at **Ohio EPA Conference Center, Room B, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio at 10:30 a.m. on July 1, 2015**.

To facilitate the scheduling of oral presentations, persons intending to give testimony at the hearing should notify the Ohio EPA Public Interest Center, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, (614) 644-2160. Prior registration will ensure that registrants are heard ahead of those individuals who register at the hearing. Oral testimony may be limited to five minutes, depending on the number of persons testifying. All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented and to present oral and/or written comments concerning the proposed rule making.

Written testimony should be sent to the attention of Melinda Harris at the Division of Surface Water, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus Ohio 43216-1049. Written comments may also be submitted to the Hearing Officer at the public hearing. Written testimony will receive the same consideration as oral testimony. All testimony received at the hearing or by close of business on **July 1, 2015**, will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this rulemaking proposal. Written comments submitted after this date may be considered as time and circumstances permit.

Questions regarding this rule package should be directed to Dan Dudley, at the Division of Surface Water, at (614) 644-2876.

To receive a copy of the proposed rules, please contact the Division of Surface Water receptionist at (614) 644-2001. In addition, full copies of all proposed rules are available for review at any Ohio EPA district office and at the Ohio EPA central office. The proposed rules are also accessible on Division's web page at <http://epa.ohio.gov/dsw/SurfaceWater.aspx>.