

**BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**Public Notice
Proposed Rulemaking Governing
Ohio NPDES General Permit Program**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Environmental Protection, under the authority of Sections 6111.03(G) and 6111.035 of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with Chapter 119. of the Ohio Revised Code, proposes to adopt amendments to the following rules of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC):

Rule #	Rule Title	Action
	OAC Chapter 3745-38 Ohio NPDES General Permits	
3745-38-01	Definitions.	Amend
3745-38-02	Requirements for general national pollutant discharge elimination system (NPDES) permits.	Amend

The Ohio National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permit programs rules in OAC Chapter 3745-38 detail procedures Ohio EPA must follow in the issuance, modification and revocation of general NPDES permits as well as procedures for granting and terminating authorizations to discharge under the general permits. The chapter also contains requirements applicable to entities seeking general permit coverage. Sections 106.03 and 106.031 of the Ohio Revised Code requires Ohio EPA to review its rules every five years to determine whether they should be changed. The Agency has reviewed this chapter and has identified needed changes to improve consistency with other rules, statute and federal requirements. Minor updates to references and citations are also proposed.

The public comment period will run until **5:00 p.m. on August 11, 2015**. A public hearing on these proposed rule amendments will be held to consider public comments in accordance with Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. This hearing will be held in **Conference Room A at the Ohio EPA Central Office, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio at 10:30 a.m. on August 11, 2015**. 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 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 rules.

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Written testimony should be sent to the attention of Rule Coordinator at the Ohio EPA 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 **5:00 p.m. on August 11, 2015**, will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this rulemaking. Written comments submitted after this date may be considered as time and circumstances permit.

The proposed rules and a fact sheet explaining the rule revisions are posted on the Ohio EPA website at www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/dswrules.aspx. The proposed rules are also available on the Register of Ohio website at www.registerofohio.state.oh.us. If you are unable to access the websites or have questions about the proposed rules, contact Jason Fyffe, Division of Surface Water, at (614) 728-1793 or jason.fyffe@epa.ohio.gov.