

**BEFORE THE  
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**Public Notice  
Proposed Rulemaking Governing  
Connection Ban Standards**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Environmental Protection, under the authority of Sections 6111.03, 6111.04, 6111.44, 6111.45 and 6111.46 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):

<b>Rule #</b>	<b>Rule Title</b>	<b>Action</b>
	OAC Chapter 3745-11 Connection Ban Standards	
3745-11-01	Definitions.	Amend
3745-11-02	Standard and special connection bans.	Amend
3745-11-03	Connection ban variances.	Amend

OAC Chapter 3745-11 contains the administrative procedures for the Director's issuance of connection bans. Section 119.032 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 these connection ban standards rules and has identified needed changes.

The public comment period will run until **5:00 p.m. on February 10, 2014**. 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 **Lazarus Conference Center, Room A at the Ohio EPA Central Office, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio at 2:00 p.m. on February 10, 2014**. 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.

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 February 10, 2014**, will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this

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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](http://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](http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us). If you are unable to access the websites or have questions about the proposed rules, contact Mark Stump, Division of Surface Water, at (614) 644-2028 or [mark.stump@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:mark.stump@epa.ohio.gov).