

**BEFORE THE  
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**Public Notice  
Proposed Rulemaking Governing  
Alternative Fuels Grants**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Environmental Protection, under the authority of Section 122.076 of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with Chapter 119, proposes to original file the following new rules of the Ohio Administrative Code:

- 3745-49-53 Definitions – alternative fuel vehicles
- 3745-49-54 Permitted uses, eligibility, and prioritization
- 3745-49-55 Grant administration

These rules address Alternative Fuel Grant regulations. The purpose of this rule making is to create a program that awards grants for converting or replacing diesel-powered and gasoline-powered large vehicles to run on alternative fuels.

The public comment period will run until October 26, 2017. 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, 50 W. Town St., Suite 700, Columbus, OH 43215, Conference Room A, on October 26, 2017 at 10:30am.

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 Carolyn Watkins at the Office of Environmental Education, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus Ohio 43216-1049 or emailed to [carolyn.watkins@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:carolyn.watkins@epa.ohio.gov). 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 October 26, 2017 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 Carolyn Watkins at the Office of Environmental Education, at (614) 644-2873.

To receive a copy of the proposed rules, please contact the OEEF receptionist at (614) 644-2873. The proposed rules are accessible on the OEEF web page at: <http://epa.ohio.gov/oeef/EnvironmentalEducation.aspx#131365076-alternative-fuel-vehicle-grants>