



Early Stakeholder Outreach — Emergency Episode Rules and Ambient Air Quality Standards

Ohio EPA prepares early stakeholder outreach fact sheets to ensure stakeholders are brought into the review process as early as possible and to obtain additional input and discussion before development of interested party draft rules.

What does OAC Chapter 3745-25 cover?

The rules in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-25 identify the criteria under which an emergency episode exist, and address procedures to be followed and actions to be taken in the event of an emergency. The rules also establish Ohio's ambient air quality standards.

Why are these rules 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The first step in the rule-making process is for Ohio EPA to identify that a rule needs to be amended, rescinded, or created.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 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 will allow for early feedback before the rule language has been developed by the Agency.

What changes are being considered?

The rules in this chapter are undergoing a periodic (5-year) review as required under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 119.032. Ohio EPA will be performing a full review of the language in these rules and will make changes as necessary. Ohio EPA does not anticipate making any major content changes to the rules in this chapter.

Who will be regulated by these rules?

The rules in this chapter apply to all citizens and businesses in the state of Ohio. If it is necessary to declare an air pollution emergency, the director has the authority to require the shut down of businesses and transportation resources in the area experiencing the emergency. It should be noted, however, that an emergency has not been declared in Ohio for more than 35 years.

How can I provide input?

The Agency is seeking stakeholder input on Ohio's Emergency Episode/AAQS rules in OAC Chapter 3745-25. When preparing your comments, be sure to:

- explain your views as clearly as possible;
- describe any assumptions used;
- provide any technical information and/or data used to support your views;
- explain how you arrived at your estimate for potential burdens, benefits or costs;
- provide specific examples to illustrate your views; and
- offer alternatives.

Written comments will be accepted through close of business **Monday, October 14, 2013**.

Please submit input to:

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What if I have questions?

These rules can be found on Ohio EPA's website for electronic downloading at: http://epa.ohio.gov/dapc/regs/3745_25.aspx or contact Mr. Braun (information provided above).

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What is the rulemaking schedule?

Upon completion of the Early Stakeholder Outreach portion of this rulemaking, Ohio EPA will make any changes necessary to the rule language and make a draft of the rule language available to the public for a 30-day review.

What input is the Agency seeking?

The following questions may help guide you as you develop your comments.

- Is the general regulatory framework proposed the most appropriate? Should the Agency consider any alternative framework?
- What options are available for improving an identified concept?
- Are there considerations the Agency should take into account when developing a specific concept?
- Is there any information or data the Agency should be aware of when developing program concepts or rule language?

Ohio EPA would especially like to hear information regarding the following from stakeholders who may be impacted by the new program.

- Would this regulatory program have a positive impact on your business? Please explain how.
- Would this regulatory program have an adverse impact on your business? If so, please identify the nature of the adverse impact (for example, license fees, fines, employer time for compliance).