

State of Ohio
Environmental Protection Agency

PUBLIC NOTICE

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Request for Comment on Draft Rules

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization (DERR) proposes to modify the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) rules related to the Voluntary Action Program (VAP). DERR has reviewed and drafted new language for rules OAC 3745-300-05 and OAC 3745-300-09 governing the VAP.

The following is a list of major changes to these rules:

- Modification of VAP biocriteria training and certification requirements for certified professionals. *See proposed rules 3745-300-05 and -09.*
- Inclusion of the ability for certified professionals to obtain and maintain VAP biocriteria certification as a level 3 qualified data collector for stream habitat assessment, fish community biology and benthic macroinvertebrate biology through the Division of Surface Water in lieu of biocriteria certification through the VAP. *See proposed rule 3745-300-05.*

The Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization is seeking input from you on these draft rules by **Friday, December 28, 2012**. You may view the draft rules at <http://epa.ohio.gov/derr/derrrules.aspx>, or call (614) 728-5441 to obtain a copy. Please submit your comments to:

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Thank you for your interest and we look forward to hearing from you.