

Draft Guidelines to Ensure Dissemination of Quality Information
Notice of Draft Guidelines; Request for Comment
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What is this Federal Register about?

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is currently developing Guidelines for Ensuring and Maximizing the Quality, Objectivity, Utility, and Integrity of Information Disseminated by the Environmental Protection Agency (herein after referred to as "Information Quality Guidelines"), in response to an Office of Management and Budget (OMB) guideline directing all federal agencies to develop and implement their own guidelines by October 1, 2002 (67 FR 8451, February 22, 2002). EPA's "Information Quality Guidelines" will build upon on-going efforts to improve the quality of the data and analyses that support Agency policy and regulatory decisions and programs. EPA is announcing the availability of the Agency's draft "Information Quality Guidelines" and is requesting comment on them. The draft "Information Quality Guidelines" are available at EPA's Web site, www.epa.gov/oei/qualityguidelines. In addition, EPA is announcing a public meeting in Washington, DC to discuss EPA draft "Information Quality Guidelines."

These guidelines describe EPA's policy and procedures for reviewing and substantiating the quality of information before EPA disseminates it. They describe EPA's administrative mechanisms allowing affected persons to seek and obtain, where appropriate, correction of information disseminated by EPA that they believe does not comply with these guidelines.

This document provides guidance to EPA staff and informs the public of EPA's policies and procedures. These guidelines are not a regulation. They are not legally enforceable and do not create any legal rights or impose any legally binding requirements or obligations on EPA or the public.

Will Ohio EPA be commenting on this Federal Register?

Yes. DHWM will be reviewing this Federal Register and be forwarding comments to Data & Systems, who will be coordinating Ohio EPA's response, as appropriate. If you have comments on this Federal Register that you would like to have included, please send them to Karen Hale no later than May 15.

Federal Register Link: <http://www.epa.gov/oei/qualityguidelines/fr30ap02-55.pdf>