

Ohio EPA Policy	<b>Design Criteria; Septage Disposal</b>	
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<b>THIS POLICY DOES NOT HAVE THE FORCE OF LAW</b> Pursuant to Section 3745.30 of the Revised Code, this policy was reviewed and removed.		

This policy does not meet the definition of policy contained in Section 3745.30 of the Ohio Revised Code. Ohio EPA is removing this document from the Division of Surface Water Policy Manual and is considering addressing this topic in a future revision to the Division of Surface Water Guidance Manual.

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### APPLICABLE

REGULATIONS: OAC 3701-29 and ORC 6111.04

PURPOSE: To achieve consistency between Ohio EPA and local health departments in addressing complaints related to the disposal of septage, i.e., the contents of septic tanks.

POLICY: Ohio EPA is responsible for investigating complaints about septage disposal which create water quality problems. Local health departments are responsible for investigating complaints about septage disposal which involve health or nuisance concerns. The following procedures shall be followed.

- 1) When a nuisance or health related complaint is received by Ohio EPA, notify the local health department.
- 2) When a complaint is received by Ohio EPA for a nuisance or health related condition which has not been corrected by the local health department, notify the appropriate Ohio Department of Health district office and central office.
- 3) When a water quality related complaint is received by the Ohio Department of Health, a referral to the appropriate Ohio EPA district office will be made.
- 4) When there is any reason to believe that more than one agency is involved, Ohio EPA should schedule an inspection with the local health department and/or other state agency, if indicated.
- 5) All initial field investigations to determine the nature of the complaint will be performed jointly by Ohio EPA and the local health department. When follow-up action by the Ohio Department of Health is required and local health department response is inadequate, the field inspection will be performed jointly by Ohio EPA, the local health department and the Ohio Department of Health district office.