

## Getting to Know



*A trusted leader and environmental steward using innovation, quality service and public involvement to ensure a safe and healthy environment for all Ohioans.*

Our mission is to protect the environment and public health by ensuring compliance with environmental laws and demonstrating leadership in environmental stewardship.

We provide financial assistance to businesses and communities; environmental education programs for businesses and the public; and pollution prevention assistance to help businesses minimize their waste at the source.

Ohio EPA establishes and enforces standards to protect the environment in the following areas:

Air

Drinking and Ground Water

Lakes, Rivers and Streams

Waste Management

Cleanup and Spill Response





Ohio EPA's Central Office is located in Columbus. Five district offices manage the Agency's programs throughout the state.

Each division at Ohio EPA has a few core responsibilities.

- Review permit applications and issue permits to facilities.
- Investigate citizen complaints.
- Monitor to make sure all environmental standards are met (usually accomplished by collecting samples of air, water or soil and testing them for pollutants in a laboratory; and reviewing sampling and monitoring data submitted by a facility).
- Provide technical assistance to help regulated facilities understand and follow environmental laws and permit requirements.
- Take enforcement action against facilities that violate environmental laws and permit requirements.



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