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## Ohio EPA Announces January Rules Hearings

Ohio EPA will hold several rules hearings, January, 2012. The hearings affect administrative rules as well as environmental rules for several programs.

All hearings will be held in the 6<sup>th</sup> floor Conference Center at Ohio EPA, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus. At the hearings, Ohio EPA will accept public comments pertaining to the proposed rules. The public hearings will end when everyone has had an opportunity to testify. Visitors must present a photo I.D. The rules hearings are scheduled as listed:

Tuesday, Jan. 3

- 1:30 p.m. - **Surface Water Permit to Install Design Flow and Waste Strength Rules**  
Proposed rules modify or revise minimum requirements for design flows and waste characterizations for certain parameters when sizing wastewater treatment facilities for 100,000 gallons per day or less. All comments must be received Jan. 3. To receive a copy of the proposed rule, or submit written comments, contact [Daniel A. Kopec](#) at (614) 644-1987 or visit [http://epa.ohio.gov/dsw/rules/prop\\_pti\\_design\\_nov11.aspx](http://epa.ohio.gov/dsw/rules/prop_pti_design_nov11.aspx).

Wednesday, Jan. 4

- 10:30 a.m. - **Drinking and Ground Water Operator Certification Rules**  
Proposed rules address exemptions for staffing involving Class IV operators. They address staff reductions at seasonally operated facilities during the off-season, and new provisions for suspending or revoking operator certificates. All comments must be received by Jan. 4.  
To receive a copy of this proposed rule or submit written comments, contact [Donna Roberts](#) at (614) 644-2755, or visit: <http://epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/rulemaking.aspx#proposed>.
- 1:30 p.m. - **Composting and Multi-Program Rules**  
Proposed changes to composting rules would encourage more food composting, improve performance and effectiveness at composting facilities and allow the use of wood as a bulking agent. Written comments may be mailed or emailed to [Michelle Braun](#), Division of Materials and Waste Management, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049. All comments must be received by the close of business on January 4, 2012. Visit <http://epa.ohio.gov/dsiwm> to obtain a copy of the rules and related information.

Thursday, Jan. 5

- **10:30 a.m. - Adjudication and Administrative Rules**  
Revisions proposed to administrative rules that govern public notice procedures, public meetings, public records, trade secret claims, verified complaints and adjudication proceedings. Written comments may be mailed or emailed to [Amanda Payton](#), Director's Office, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049. All comments must be received by close of business, Jan. 5, 2012. To view the rules visit:  
[http://epa.ohio.gov/portals/0/general%20pdfs/adj\\_adm\\_proposal.pdf](http://epa.ohio.gov/portals/0/general%20pdfs/adj_adm_proposal.pdf)
- **1:30 p.m. - Water Pollution Control Loan Rules**  
Proposed rules modify or revise the requirements for water pollution control loans. Written comments can be mailed or emailed to [Becky Heygi](#), Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance, P.O.Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049. All comments must be received by close of business, Jan. 5, 2012. To view the rules, visit:  
[http://epa.ohio.gov/portals/29/3745-150\\_proposed.pdf](http://epa.ohio.gov/portals/29/3745-150_proposed.pdf)

Friday, Jan. 6

- **1:30 p.m. - Hazardous Waste Rules**  
Rules address changes in the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act program, and include some permit modifications, adjustments to the import and export rules. Written comments can be mailed or emailed to [Kit Arthur](#), Division of Materials and Waste Management, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049. All comments must be received by close of business, Jan. 6, 2012. To view the rules, visit:  
<http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/jsps/PublicDisplayRules/processPublicDisplayRules.jsp?MONTH=01&DAY=06&YEAR=2012&actiontype=proposed&doWhat=GETBYPUBHEARINGDATE&Submit=Search>  
To view the public notice, go to:  
[http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/pdfs/phn/3745\\_NO\\_152649\\_20111130\\_0849.pdf](http://www.registerofohio.state.oh.us/pdfs/phn/3745_NO_152649_20111130_0849.pdf)

Monday, Jan. 9

- **10 a.m. - Asbestos Rules**  
Revisions have been proposed to make the requirements in the rule easier to understand and to reflect the federal rules. They regulate the proper handling of asbestos-containing materials for demolitions, renovations, manufacturing, fabricating, waste conversion processes and landfill disposal facilities. All comments must be received by Jan. 9.  
To receive a copy of the proposed rule or submit written comments, please contact [Tom Buchan](#) at (614) 644-3607, or visit <http://epa.ohio.gov/dapc/regs/regs.aspx#3745-20>.
- **1:30 p.m. - Air Pollution Small Business Technical Assistance Rules**  
The rules pertain to public noticing each proposed regulation or standard relevant to the small business technical and environmental compliance assistance programs. Revisions have been made to rule and website references to comply with state law and make them current. All comments must be received by Jan. 9. To receive a copy of the proposed rule or submit written comments, please contact [Rick Carleski](#) at (614) 728-1742, or visit <http://epa.ohio.gov/dapc/regs/regs.aspx#SmallBusiness>.