

Ohio EPA Policy	<b>Design Criteria; Brine 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: ORC 6111 and 1509

PURPOSE: To provide guidance for the regulation of brine from oil and gas operations.

BACKGROUND: The production of oil has a by-product brine. In Ohio, a significant amount of brine is produced and must be disposed. Options for disposal include deep well, annular disposal, and spreading on roads for dust control. Additionally, brine has been dumped on the land and in streams. This indiscriminate disposal has caused water quality problems.

POLICY: Federal effluent limitation guidelines do not permit the discharge of brine from oil production to surface water. Ohio EPA has regulated and done some enforcement on a water quality basis. This has not been successful. The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas, regulates the industry and brine disposal. They have the staff and statutes to control the disposal of brine.

All complaints of improper disposal of brine are referred to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. The regulation of brine for dust control is by local, township officials and is monitored by the Department of Natural Resources.

The Ohio EPA will not permit the discharge of brine to surface water under the NPDES permit program.