



Early Stakeholder Outreach — OAC Rule 3745-17-03 – Measurement Methods and Procedures for Particulate Matter Standards

Ohio EPA prepares early stakeholder outreach fact sheets to ensure stakeholders are brought into the review process as early as possible and to obtain additional input and discussion before development of interested party draft rules.

What does OAC Rule 3745-17-03 cover?

The rules in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-17 establish requirements for the control of emissions of particulate matter from stationary emission sources. OAC rule 3745-17-03 contains the methods and procedures used to measure particulate matter emissions from stationary sources. Particulate matter is one of the six criteria pollutants for which a National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) has been established under the Clean Air Act. The intent of these rules is to limit emissions of particulate matter to allow the state of Ohio to attain and maintain the NAAQS for particulate matter.

Why are these rules being sent out for Early Stakeholder Outreach?

The first step in the rule-making process is for Ohio EPA to identify that a rule needs to be amended, rescinded, or created. In response to EO 2011-01K, Ohio EPA has added an additional step to ensure stakeholders are brought into the rule process as early as possible. This additional interested party notification and request for information will allow for early feedback before the rule language has been developed by the Agency.

What changes are being considered?

Ohio EPA will be making potential amendments to OAC rule 3745-17-03. The potential amendments include the following:

- Revise the requirement to obtain written permission from the U.S. EPA in paragraphs (D) and (E) of OAC rule 3745-17-03.
- Add two additional compliance alternatives for OAC rule 3745-17-03(C).

Who will be regulated by these rules?

The rules in OAC Chapter 3745-17 are applicable to certain facilities that emit particulate matter. The changes being considered affect most coal-fired electric generating utilities in Ohio.

What is the rulemaking schedule?

Upon completion of the Early Stakeholder Outreach portion of this rulemaking, Ohio EPA will make any changes necessary to the rule language and make a draft of the rule language available to the public for a 30-day review.

How can I provide input?

The Agency is seeking stakeholder input on the rules. When preparing your comments, be sure to:

- explain your views as clearly as possible;
- describe any assumptions used;
- provide any technical information and/or data used to support your views;
- explain how you arrived at your estimate for potential burdens, benefits or costs;
- provide specific examples to illustrate your views; and
- offer alternatives.

Written comments will be accepted through close of business **Friday, August 3, 2018.**

Please submit input to:

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What if I have questions?

These rules can be found on Ohio EPA's website for electronic downloading at: http://epa.ohio.gov/dapc/regs/3745_17.aspx or contact Mr. Braun (information provided above).

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What input is the Agency seeking?

The following questions may help guide you as you develop your comments.

- Is the general regulatory framework proposed the most appropriate? Should the Agency consider any alternative framework?
- What options are available for improving an identified concept? What options are available for improving the existing rules?
- Are there considerations the Agency should take into account when updating the existing rules? Are there considerations the Agency should take into account when developing a specific concept?
- Is there any information or data the Agency should be aware of when developing program concepts or rule language?

Contact

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