



## Early Stakeholder Outreach — OAC Rules 3745-18-03, 3745-18-04 and 3745-18-90 – Sulfur Dioxide Regulations

*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 Chapter 3745-18 cover?

Chapter 3745-18 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) contains the requirements for the prevention of emissions of sulfur dioxide into the atmosphere from fuel burning and process equipment. The rules are a part of Ohio's State Implementation Plan (SIP) for the attainment and maintenance of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards (NAAQS) as required by the Clean Air Act.

### 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The first step in the rule-making process is for Ohio EPA to identify that a rule needs to be amended, rescinded, or created.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 is planning to revise OAC Rule 3745-18-90 to incorporate sulfur dioxide emission limits for Globe Metallurgical in Washington County. These limits are necessary to satisfy attainment demonstration SIP requirements established by the U.S. EPA for the Muskingum River, OH sulfur dioxide nonattainment area. Ohio EPA is also planning to revise OAC Rule 3745-18-03 and 3745-18-04 to incorporate compliance time schedules and measurement methods and procedures relevant to the Globe Metallurgical emission limits. Additional changes may be considered based on comments received during this early stakeholder outreach comment period.

### Who will be regulated by these rules?

The rules in OAC Chapter 3745-18 are applicable to sources which emit sulfur dioxide including, but not limited to; fuel burning equipment, stationary engines, and process equipment.

### 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 minimum 30-day review.

### How can I provide input?

The Agency is seeking stakeholder input on the above mentioned 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 **Thursday, August 13, 2020**. 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\\_18.aspx](http://epa.ohio.gov/dapc/regs/3745_18.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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