



**BEFORE THE  
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**January 31, 2018**

**Public Notice: Proposed Rulemaking Governing Lead and Copper**

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters (DDAGW) proposed revisions to several rules governing primary drinking water standards and the lead and copper rule in OAC Chapter 3745-81, as well as a laboratory certification rule in Chapter 3745-89 and consumer confidence rule in Chapter 3745-96 of the OAC to incorporate provisions of Ohio House Bill 512 (effective in Ohio Revised Code § 6109.121) in Ohio's lead and copper rule.

The revisions were prompted by the passing of Ohio House Bill 512 which became effective in Ohio Revised Code (ORC) § 6109.121, Sept. 9, 2016. This law addresses lead notification and monitoring for community water systems and nontransient noncommunity water systems. Since the adoption of the law, DDAGW has focused on aggressively implementing the currently effective provisions of ORC § 6109.121 in addition to incorporating language from the ORC, including changes within the spirit of this law.

Several revisions were made after the comment period ended. These revisions include the modification of the interim lead public notification requirement, addition of language to clarify the filter requirement, the addition of analytical requirements for laboratories and the deletion of proposed OAC Rule 3745-81-91.

A public hearing pursuant to ORC §106.03 will be conducted on March 6, 2018, beginning at 10.30 am in Conference Room A at the Ohio EPA, Lazarus Government Center, 50 West Town Street, Columbus, Ohio. All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented and give their written or oral comments on this proposed rule-making. A presiding officer will be present until all interested persons have been heard.

To facilitate scheduling of oral presentations, persons intending to give testimony at the hearing should ensure that Ohio EPA receives notice of such intent by March 5, 2018, 5:00 p.m. Persons who provide Ohio EPA with prior notice will be heard ahead of persons who register at the hearing. **All visitors to Ohio EPA must register at the Security desk in the lobby upon arrival. Please bring photo identification (such as a valid driver's license). For security reasons, visitors are required to wear their badge at all times while in the building. Please arrive early to complete these procedures.** To provide notice of intent to give oral comments

at the public hearing, contact Colin White by mail at Ohio EPA, DDAGW, Lazarus Government Center, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or by phone at (614) 644-2759.

In order to ensure that written comments are considered as part of the official record of this hearing, written comments must be received by Ohio EPA by the close of business March 6, 2018. Written comments on the proposed rules may be given to the presiding officer during the hearing, sent by mail to Colin White at the address above, or sent by email to the following address [ddagw\\_rulecomments@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:ddagw_rulecomments@epa.ohio.gov).

To obtain a copy of the proposed rules, contact Colin White at Ohio EPA at (614) 644-2759 or email at [Colin.White@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:Colin.White@epa.ohio.gov). Please request the "Lead and Copper Rules" and be sure to include your name, telephone number, and complete mailing address. There is no charge for proposed rules. The proposed rules will be available on the Agency web page until their adoption or withdrawal. They can be found at <http://epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/rules.aspx> on the "Proposed Rules" tab.

Comments can be submitted in hard copy to the following address: "Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, DDAGW, P.O. Box 1049, Lazarus Government Center, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, Attn: Colin White" or by email to [ddagw\\_rulecomments@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:ddagw_rulecomments@epa.ohio.gov). Comments should be received at the above address by close of business, March 6, 2018.