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 3745-37 cover?**
Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-37 houses the approved health department rules. This outreach document pertains specifically to rules 3745-37-08, 3745-37-09, and 3745-37-10.

**Why is the Agency seeking Early Stakeholder Outreach?**
OAC rules 3745-37-08 through 3745-37-10 are scheduled for their five-year review under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) section 106.03. The first step in the ORC section 106.03 five-year review process is for Ohio EPA to identify whether a rule needs to be amended, rescinded, or created. Ohio EPA will ultimately file the rules with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR), the secretary of state, and the Legislative Service Commission (LSC).

In response to Executive Order 2011-01K, Ohio EPA has included an additional step to ensure stakeholders are brought into the review 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 is being suggested?**
Ohio EPA foresees, at a minimum, making minor wording clarifications, citation updates, and consideration of stakeholder suggestions. The Agency is also exploring moving these rules into a new OAC chapter. This new chapter would be a multi-program approved health department chapter and allow for reorganization and clarification of these rules. The re-organization of the rules into a multi-program chapter will also allow these rules to reference sections of existing multi-program rules in OAC 3745-500 and reduce unnecessary duplication within the rules.

**Learn more at an Ohio EPA hosted webinar.**
You are invited to join an Ohio EPA hosted webinar from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. on November 14, 2017 to answer questions regarding this Early Stakeholder Outreach on these rules, the general rule-making process,
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the opportunities for stakeholder involvement, and to listen to stakeholder suggestions. To participate in the webinar, please [register](#).

**Who is regulated by this rule?**
Health departments on the approved list and subject to ORC 3734.08 and 3714.09 are regulated by these rules.

**What input is the Agency seeking?**
The Agency is seeking stakeholder input on the current rules and suggested concepts included in this document. General comments and specific factual information must be submitted by the December 1, 2017 deadline. 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?
- 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?

Ohio EPA would like to hear from stakeholders, especially regarding the following:

- Would this regulatory program have a positive impact on your health department? Please explain how.
- Would this regulatory program have an adverse impact on your health department? If so, please identify the nature of the adverse impact (for example, license fees, fines, staff time for compliance).

**What’s the next step?**
After consideration of stakeholder input, Ohio EPA will prepare changes to the current approved health department rules. The Agency will then release a draft version of approved health department rules for interested party review and comment.

A complete summary of [Ohio EPA’s rule-making process](#) is available at [http://epa.ohio.gov/Rules.aspx](http://epa.ohio.gov/Rules.aspx). Future steps will also include formally filing to amend the rules with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR). At that time, JCARR will include the proposed rules on their meeting agenda and take public testimony. Visit JCARR’s website for meeting dates and agenda items at [https://www.jcarr.state.oh.us/](https://www.jcarr.state.oh.us/).

**How can I track the program and rule-development progress?**
Stakeholders are encouraged to sign up for the Agency’s electronic mailing list which provides automatic updates about various topics. Registered users will receive progress updates and be notified when new information is posted on the program website ([epa.ohio.gov/dmwm/dmwmonnhazrules.aspx](http://epa.ohio.gov/dmwm/dmwmonnhazrules.aspx)). To sign up, go to [ohioepa.custhelp.com](http://ohioepa.custhelp.com) for a [subscription](#).