Early Stakeholder Outreach — Asbestos Emission Control Rules

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 do the Rules in OAC Chapter 3745-20 cover?
Chapter 3745-20 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) contains the requirements for the control of emissions of asbestos fibers from asbestos abatement and manufacturing activities. The rules include standards for notification of demolition and renovation activities, standards for asbestos waste handling, standards for both active and inactive waste disposal sites, and other standards for asbestos manufacturing and asbestos containing materials. These rules are patterned after the federal asbestos NESHAPS rules in 40 CFR Part 61, Subpart M.

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The first step in the rule-making process is for Ohio EPA to identify that a rule needs to be amended, rescinded, or created.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?
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.

Who will be regulated by these rules?
The rules in OAC Chapter 3745-20 are applicable to owners or operators of facilities performing demolition or renovation of asbestos containing materials, facilities storing asbestos containing waste materials, and facilities using asbestos containing materials for manufacturing.

What is the rulemaking schedule?
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What input is the Agency seeking?
The following questions may help guide you as you develop your comments.

How can I provide input?
The Agency is seeking stakeholder input on the rules in OAC Chapter 3745-20. 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 Wednesday, July 6, 2022.
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: https://epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/air-pollution-control/regulations or contact Mr. Braun (information provided above).
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- 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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