Early Stakeholder Outreach —
OAC Chapter 3745-78 – Air Pollution Control Fees 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 does OAC Chapter 3745-78 cover?
Chapter 3745-78 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) requires owners or operators of certain air permits to submit air pollution emissions data to the director so that emissions fees can be calculated. Title V facilities are required to submit actual emissions data on an annual basis. Non-Title V facilities are required to submit actual emissions data on a bi-annual basis. Title V facilities are facilities with a potential to emit of any one regulated air pollutant of greater than or equal to one hundred tons per year, or any one hazardous air pollutant (HAP) greater than or equal to ten tons per year, or any combination of HAPs greater than twenty-five tons per year. The rules also require that the owner or operator of these facilities pay fees as specified in division (C) of section 3745.11 of the Revised Code.

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The first step in the rule-making process is for Ohio EPA to identify that a rule needs to be amended, rescinded, or created.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 performing a general review of the rules in this chapter to fulfill the requirements of ORC 106.03 (5-year review). Ohio EPA is not aware, at this time, of any major changes necessary to these rules.

Who will be regulated by these rules?
The rules in OAC Chapter 3745-78 are applicable to sources subject to the Title V permit program pursuant to rule 3745-77-02 of the Administrative Code as discussed above.

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.

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 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 **Tuesday, May 18, 2021.**
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_78.aspx](http://epa.ohio.gov/dapc/regs/3745_78.aspx) or contact Mr. Braun (information provided above).
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• 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 especially like to hear information regarding the following from stakeholders who may be impacted by the new program.
• Would this regulatory program have a positive impact on your business? Please explain how.
• Would this regulatory program have an adverse impact on your business? If so, please identify the nature of the adverse impact (for example, license fees, fines, employer time for compliance).

Contact
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