



**BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

4/8/2022

Public Notice: Proposed Rulemaking: Operational Requirements

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters (DDAGW) proposed revisions to Operational Requirements in Chapter 3745-83 and 3745-81 of the Ohio Administrative Code. DDAGW has reviewed the Operational Requirement Rules to satisfy the five-year rule review requirements of section 106.03 and 106.031 of the Ohio Revised Code, OAC Chapter 3745-83 and 3745-81.

Proposed revisions to OAC Rules 3745-81-01 and 3745-83-01 include the following:

- Adding language to clarify all water systems shall maintain a minimum pressure of twenty pounds per square inch gauge at ground level at all points in the distribution system under all conditions of flow other than conditions caused by line breaks, extreme fire flows, or other extraordinary circumstances in 3745-83-01.
- Adding language to clarify operational monitoring requirements for manganese.
- Updating the language for using orthophosphate and adjusting pH.
- Adding requirements for monitoring silt density and dissolved solids.
- Requiring oxidation residual monitoring (for systems oxidizing for As).
- Defining split sample, stabilization, & representative distribution sample(s) in 3745-81-01.
- Updating all external references for relevance and consistency.

The public comment period will run until May 12th, 2022. A public hearing on this proposed rulemaking will be held to consider public comments in accordance with Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. Ohio EPA will be holding a virtual public hearing on the rules on May 12th, 2022 at 10:30 AM. During the hearing, the public may submit written comments on the record about the proposed rules or participate virtually.

Citizens who want to participate virtually must register in advance for the meeting at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/112383704670524941>

Comments can be submitted by email to ddagw_rulecomments@epa.ohio.gov. Comments should be received at the above address by close of business, May 12th, 2022.

To facilitate scheduling of oral presentations, persons intending to give testimony at the hearing should ensure that Ohio EPA receives notice of such intent May 11th, 2022. Persons who provide Ohio EPA with prior notice will be heard ahead of persons who register at the hearing. 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 May 12th, 2022. Written comments on the proposed rules may be given to the presiding officer during the hearing, sent by mail to Zach Winoker at the address above, or sent by email to the following address: ddagw_rulecomments@epa.ohio.gov.

To obtain a copy of the proposed rules, contact Zach Winoker at Ohio EPA at (614) 644-3387 or email at Zachary.Winoker@epa.ohio.gov. Please request the "Operational Requirements Rules" and be sure to include your name, telephone number, and complete mailing address. There are amendments to the proposed rules. These rules and associated documents are available on DDAGW's Web page for electronic downloading here: <https://epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/drinking-and-ground-waters/regulations/proposed-rules>

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: Zach Winoker" or by email to ddagw_rulecomments@epa.ohio.gov. Comments should be received at the above address by close of business, May 12th, 2022.