



**BEFORE THE  
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**7/20/2022**

**Public Notice: Proposed Rulemaking: Backflow Prevention & Cross Connection Control**

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters (DDAGW) proposed revisions to rules in Chapter 3745-95 of the Ohio Administrative Code. DDAGW has reviewed the Backflow Prevention and Cross Connection Control rules to satisfy the five-year rule review requirements of section 106.03 and 106.031 of the Ohio Revised Code. OAC Chapter 3745-95 describes backflow prevention and cross connection control requirements.

Proposed revisions to OAC Rules 3745-95-01, 3745-95-02, 3745-95-03, 3745-95-05, 3745-95-06, 3745-95-07, 3745-95-08, 3745-95-09 include the following:

- Modifying and adding supporting language to definitions in 3745-95-01 that clarify the application of these rules to all public water systems.
- Adding clarifying language as to acceptable means for fulfilling residential educational campaigns in rule 3745-95-03.
- Clarifying and updating language in Rules 3745-95-01 through 3745-95-09 for consistency
- Updating references to appropriate standards that are used in conjunction with OAC rules

The public comment period will run until August 22, 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 and in-person public hearing on the rules on August 22, 2022, at 10:30 AM. Stakeholders will be able to comment in-person in DDAGW Conference Room A at Lazarus Government Center, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio 43215. During the hearing, the public may submit written comments on the record about the proposed rules if participating virtually, and verbally if participating in person. To facilitate the scheduling of oral presentations, persons intending to give testimony at the hearing should notify the Ohio EPA Public Interest Center, [mary.mccarron@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:mary.mccarron@epa.ohio.gov) or (614) 644- 2160.

Citizens who want to participate virtually must register in advance for the meeting at: <https://tinyurl.com/uvhk5vcx>

Comments can be submitted 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 August 22, 2022.

To facilitate scheduling of oral presentations, persons intending to give testimony at the virtual hearing should ensure that Ohio EPA receives notice of such intent by August 19<sup>th</sup>, 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 Mary Mccarron by mail at Ohio EPA, DDAGW, Lazarus Government Center, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or by phone at 614-644-2160.

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 August 22, 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](mailto: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](mailto:Zachary.Winoker@epa.ohio.gov). Please request the "Backflow Prevention & Cross Connection Control Amended Rules" and be sure to include your name, telephone number, and complete mailing address. There are amendments to the proposed rules. 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](mailto:ddagw_rulecomments@epa.ohio.gov). Comments should be received at the above address by close of business, August 22, 2022. To request a reasonable accommodation due to a disability please go to [www.epa.ohio.gov/ada](http://www.epa.ohio.gov/ada) for assistance.