



**BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

4/20/22

Public Notice: Proposed Rulemaking: Water Well Standards

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters (DDAGW) proposed revisions to Water Well Standards in Chapter 3745-9 of the Ohio Administrative Code. DDAGW has reviewed the Water Well Standards to satisfy the five-year rule review requirements of section 106.03 and 106.031 of the Ohio Revised Code, OAC Chapter 3745-9.

Proposed revisions to OAC Rules 3745-9-01, 3745-9-02, 3745-9-03, 3745-9-04, 3745-9-05, 3745-9-06, 3745-9-07, 3745-9-08, 3745-9-09, 3745-9-10 include the following:

- Modifying definitions and updating references in rule 3745-9-01.
- Clarifying language to define how variances will be submitted and reviewed and to provide for a date on well cap construction/specification for public water system wells in rule 3745-9-02.
- General clarifying language for siting non-potable wells in rule 3745-9-04.
- Adding language to require specific well construction material and to provide dates for certain well construction requirements in rule 3745-9-05.
- Clarifying language on the use of grout for sealing wells in rule 3745-9-07.
- Clarifying language on when disinfection of a well should occur and how/when a well can be placed into service following disinfection in rule 3745-9-08.
- Modifying language to determine specific capacity, for conducting well pump testing, and establishing additional radiological sampling criteria for new community and noncommunity non-transient wells in rule 3745-9-09.
- Additions made to the appendices within rule 3745-9-09 call for the required analyses of six Per- and polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) chemicals within wells by community water systems and noncommunity non-transient water systems. These requirements align with the action levels established for the six PFAS chemicals addressed under the Ohio Per- and Polyfluoroalkyl Substances (PFAS) State Action Plan for Drinking Water.
- Clarifying the use of concrete as an acceptable grout in certain applications in rule 3745-9-10.

The public comment period will run until May 23rd, 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 23rd, 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/7163049297116600333>

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 23rd, 2022.

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 23rd, 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 "Water Well Standards" 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/wps/portal/gov/epa/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 23rd, 2022.