

**BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**Public Notice Proposed Rulemaking Governing
Water Quality Standards Program
CORRECTED DATE: 09/08/22**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Environmental Protection, under the authority of Sections 6111.51 and 6111.53 of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with Chapter 119, proposes to amend the following rules of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC):

Rule Number	Rule Title
3745-1-08	Hocking river drainage basin.
3745-1-15	Little Beaver creek drainage basin.
3745-1-18	Little Miami river drainage basin.
3745-1-22	Chagrin river drainage basin.

OAC Chapter 3745-1 contains Ohio's standards for water quality. The purpose of this rulemaking is to review and update four beneficial use designation rules in the chapter to reflect the latest scientific information.

The Agency invites all interested parties to comment on this rule. The public comment period will run until October 11, 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 an in-person and virtual public hearing on the rules at 10:30 a.m. on October 11, 2022. The in-person hearing will be at the same time and date and will be located at Ohio EPA, 50 W. 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.

Citizens who want to participate virtually must register in advance for the meeting at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6139769012651598092>

To facilitate the scheduling of oral presentations, persons intending to give testimony at the hearing should notify the Ohio EPA Public Interest Center, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216- 1049, (614) 644-2160, or email Mary McCarron at mary.mccarron@epa.ohio.gov. Prior registration will ensure that registrants are heard ahead of those individuals who register at the hearing. Oral testimony may be limited to five minutes, depending on the number of persons testifying. All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented and to present oral and/or written comments concerning the proposed rule-making.

Written comments may be submitted during the virtual public hearing. In addition, written testimony can be emailed to the attention of Emily Imhoff, Division of Surface Water at dsw_rulecomments@epa.ohio.gov. All comments received at the virtual hearing or via email by close of business on October 11, 2022, will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this rulemaking proposal. Written comments submitted after this date may be considered as time and circumstances permit.

A fact sheet explaining the rule revisions is posted on the DSW webpage at epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/surface-water/regulations/proposed-rules. Questions regarding this rule package should be directed to Melinda Harris at the Division of Surface Water, at (614) 728-1357.

To receive a copy of the proposed rules, please contact the DSW receptionist at (614) 644-2001. In addition, full copies of all proposed rules are available for review at any Ohio EPA district office and at the Ohio EPA central office. The proposed rules are also accessible on the DSW webpage at epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/surface-water/regulations/proposed-rules.

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