



**DIVISION OF  
OIL & GAS RESOURCES  
MANAGEMENT**  
OHIO DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management (Division) will hold a public hearing to accept testimony on the proposed rescission of Ohio Administrative Code rules 4161-1-01 through 4161-1-13. The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The public hearing will be held **May 9, 2024, starting at 2:00 p.m. EDT**. Any person affected by the proposed rule may present their comments in-person, in writing, virtually, or via telephone. For those wishing to participate, please choose from the following options:

- **In-person:** The hearing will be held at 2045 Morse Road, F-1 Conference Room, Columbus, OH 43229. If you attend the hearing in person, all visitors to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources will be asked to provide photo identification at the gatehouse before entering the complex. Please allow time to complete the check-in process.
- **Written:** Written comments received by 5:00 p.m. May 9, 2024, will be accepted into the record. Written comments may be submitted to [DOGRM.Rules@dnr.ohio.gov](mailto:DOGRM.Rules@dnr.ohio.gov) or mailed to Ohio Department of Natural Resources, Division of Oil and Gas Resources Management, Attn: Kerry Adkins, 2045 Morse Road, Building F, Columbus, OH 43229.
- **Virtually:** Participants wishing to stream the meeting via the internet may go to [HTTPS://WWW.MICROSOFT.COM/EN-US/MICROSOFT-TEAMS/JOIN-A-MEETING](https://www.microsoft.com/en-us/microsoft-teams/join-a-meeting) to be taken to the Teams meeting and enter the following:

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- **Telephone:** Dial 1-614-721-2972 and enter the phone conference ID: 240 785 379#

The Division proposes to rescind Administrative Code rules 4161-1-01 through 4161-1-13. These rules govern the procedures and operation of the now defunct Underground Gas Storage Board of Review (“UGSBR” or “Board”). The UGSBR originally provided an appeals process (including an opportunity for a hearing) for orders by the Chief of the Division of Mines related to underground gas storage. However, the Board has not operated since at least 1993 when its enabling statutes and associated authority to promulgate rules were repealed (See H.B. 152, 120th General Assembly, 1993). The UGSBR rules have continued in the Administrative Code and are now being proposed for rescission.

For more information about the proposed rescission of the 4161-1-01 through 4161-1-13 rules, visit [oilandgas.ohiodnr.gov](http://oilandgas.ohiodnr.gov). Those with questions may contact Kerry Adkins at (614) 265-6920 or [kerry.adkins@dnr.ohio.gov](mailto:kerry.adkins@dnr.ohio.gov).