

**BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**Public Notice
Proposed Rulemaking Governing the
Diesel School Bus Retrofit Grant Program**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Environmental Protection, under the authority of Sections ORC 3704.114 of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with Chapter 119, proposes to original file the following rule of the Ohio Administrative Code:

3745-49-50 Definitions
3745-49-51 Permitted uses, eligibility, and prioritization
3745-49-52 Grant administration

These rules address content of and process for the operation of the new Diesel School Bus Retrofit Grant Program.

The purpose of this rule making is to establish the Diesel School Bus Retrofit Grant Program set forth in HB 66 and the administrative process for its operation.

The public comment period will run until close of business December 6, 2005. A public hearing on this proposed rule making will be held to consider public comments in accordance with Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. This hearing will be held December 6, 2005 at 2 p.m. in the Center for Excellence on the 6th floor of the Ohio EPA located at 122 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio.

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. 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 testimony should be sent to the attention of Edward Kitchen at the Office of the Director, Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus Ohio 43216-1049. Written comments may also be submitted to the Hearing Officer at the public hearing. Written testimony will receive the same consideration as oral testimony. All testimony received at the hearing or by close of business on December 6, 2005, will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this rule-making proposal. Written comments submitted after this date may be considered as time and circumstances permit.

Questions and comments regarding this rule package should be directed to:

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To receive a copy of the proposed rules, please contact John Paulian at (614) 644-4832. The proposed rules are also accessible on the Ohio Environmental Protection web page at http://www.epa.state.oh.us/pic/dir/rules/school_bus_grant.pdf.