



**BEFORE THE  
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**September 19, 2016**

**Public Notice: Proposed Rulemaking Governing Contingency Plans**

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters (DDAGW) is proposing revisions to rule 3745-85-01 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). The proposed amendments are, in part, a result of the five-year rule review requirements of Section 106.03 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The proposed revisions to OAC Rule 3745-85-01 include the following:

- Establish that wholesale systems are required to prepare and maintain a contingency plan in addition to community water systems;
- Expand the definition and purpose of the contingency plan;
- Expand the availability of the contingency plan;
- Clarify and expand the required contents of the contingency plan;
- Establish a requirement to exercise the contingency plan;
- Revise the contingency plan revision requirements;
- Establish the steps a public water system needs to take if a circumstance triggers the activation of their contingency plan;
- Clarify that contingency plans submitted in accordance with the rule are not public records; and,
- Establish a requirement to supply the emergency contact information of a designated water system representative who will respond to an emergency within thirty minutes.

A public hearing pursuant to §106.03 of the Ohio Revised Code will be conducted on October 26, 2016, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room B at the Ohio EPA, Lazarus Government Center, 50 West Town Street, Columbus, Ohio. All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented and give their written or oral comments on this proposed rule-making. A presiding officer will be present until all interested persons have been heard.

To facilitate scheduling of oral presentations, persons intending to give testimony at the hearing should ensure that Ohio EPA receives notice of such intent by October 25, 2016, 5:00 p.m. Persons who provide Ohio EPA with prior notice will be heard ahead of persons who register at the hearing. **All visitors to Ohio EPA must register at the Security desk in the lobby upon arrival. Please bring photo identification (such as a valid driver's license). For security reasons, visitors are required to wear their badge at all times while in the building. Please**

**arrive early to complete these procedures.** To provide notice of intent to give oral comments at the public hearing, contact Corin Bonnett by mail at Ohio EPA, DDAGW, Lazarus Government Center, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or by phone at (614) 644-2752.

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 October 26, 2016. Written comments on the proposed rules may be given to the presiding officer during the hearing, sent by mail to Corin Bonnett 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 Corin Bonnett at Ohio EPA at (614) 644-2752 or email at [Corin.Bonnett@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:Corin.Bonnett@epa.ohio.gov). Please request "Revised Contingency Plans rule" and be sure to include your name, telephone number, and complete mailing address. There is no charge for proposed rules. The proposed rules will be available on the Agency web page until their adoption or withdrawal. They can be found at <http://epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/rules.aspx> on the "Proposed Rules" tab.

Comments can be submitted in hard copy to the following address: "Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, P.O. Box 1049, Lazarus Government Center, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, Attn: Corin Bonnett" 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, October 26, 2016.