

**BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**Public Notice
Request for Comment on Draft Rules**

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Emergency and Remedial Response (DERR), under the authority of Section 3746.04 of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with Chapter 119, proposes to modify the following rule of the Ohio Administrative Code:

OAC 3745-300-04 - Certified Laboratories

This rule addresses the Voluntary Action Program (VAP) regulations. The rule is updating the VAP certified laboratory requirements as a part of the latest five-year rule review.

The public comment period will run until **June 22, 2006**. 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 in Conference Room D at the Lazarus Government Center, 122 South Front Street, Columbus, Ohio, on **June 19, 2006 at 10:00 am**.

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 Ildikó Pallós at DERR/VAP, 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 June 22 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.

If you have any questions regarding this rule package or to receive a copy of the proposed rules, please contact Ildi Pallós at (614) 644-2086 or ildi.pallos@epa.state.oh.us. 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 VAP web page at <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/derr/volunt/volunt.html>.