

Public Hearing Notice
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Proposed new OAC rules 3745-112-01 to 3745-112-08
"Consumer Products"

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Air Pollution Control ("DAPC") is proposing the following new rules for the Ohio Administrative Code ("OAC") related to the control of volatile organic compound (VOC) emissions from consumer products.

The proposed rules are:

OAC rule 3745-112-01, "Definitions";
OAC rule 3745-112-02 "Applicability";
OAC rule 3745-112-03 "Standards";
OAC rule 3745-112-04 "Exemptions";
OAC rule 3745-112-05 "Administrative requirements";
OAC rule 3745-112-06 "Reporting requirements";
OAC rule 3745-112-07 "Variances"; and
OAC rule 3745-112-08 "Test methods";

As an on-going project Ohio EPA is evaluating emission control strategies for the control of ozone through VOC and NO_x emission reductions. VOCs and NO_x are precursors to ozone formation. The purpose of these new rules is to aid in the reduction of VOC emissions from consumer products so that measured ozone levels throughout the state of Ohio may be reduced to achieve and/or maintain the applicable 8-hour ground level ozone standard of 0.08 ppm as established by the U.S. EPA.

The draft rules under this Chapter will apply state-wide.

Pursuant to Section 121.39 of the Ohio Revised Code, DAPC was required to consult with interested parties affected by the rules before the division formally adopts them. On December 28, 2006, these rules went out for a 30 day review by interested parties. Comments were received on the draft language, and a responsive summary of changes has been prepared and can be viewed on the website noted below.

Pursuant to Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code, a public hearing on these rule changes will be conducted on Tuesday, June 12, 2007 at 10:00 AM, in conference room 6B at Ohio EPA, Lazarus Government Center, 50 W. Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio.

Pursuant to Part D of Title I of the Clean Air Act, Ohio EPA is required to establish a state implementation plan (SIP) for the attainment and maintenance of the national ambient air quality standards (NAAQS). The above mentioned rules will become a part of Ohio's SIP and the proposed language will be submitted to USEPA as a modification of the SIP. The

above mentioned hearing shall be considered the public hearing for the SIP submittal.

All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented at the hearing and give written or oral comments on these rule changes. All oral comments presented at the hearing, and all written statements submitted at the hearing or by the close of business on June 12, 2007, will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this rule. Written statements submitted after June 12, 2007, may be considered as time and circumstances permit, but will not be part of the official record of the hearing.

These rules are available on the Web page for electronic downloading by clicking on "regulations" under the "topics" drop-down box. The URL is: <http://www.epa.state.oh.us/dapc/regs/regs.html>. Questions regarding accessing the web site should be directed to Arunee Niamlarb at 614-728-1342; other questions or comments about these rules should be directed to Alan Harness at Ohio EPA, (614) , 614-644-4838, alan.hariness@epa.state.oh.us, or mailed to Alan Harness, Ohio EPA, Division Air Pollution Control, Lazarus Government Center, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049.