

Public Notice

The Department of Agriculture, State of Ohio, will hold a public hearing for the purpose of accepting testimony on the proposed rescission of administrative rules **901:3-61-01** through **901:3-61-17** and adoption of new rules **901:3-62-01** through **901:3-62-07**.

These rules relate to the bottling of potable water. The rules contain standards for the construction of plants, facilities and equipment, and prescribe sanitary standards for personnel, operations and equipment. The rules also contain requirements for ingredients, product labels, and licensure.

The changes in the rules are being proposed to update the rules to meet current standards and practices in the bottled water industry.

The hearing will be held Thursday, January 15, 2004, at 8:30 a.m., in Hearing Room 133 (Seminar 'B') Bromfield Administration Building, Ohio Department of Agriculture, 8995 East Main Street, Reynoldsburg, Ohio 43068-3399.

The hearing will be conducted in accordance with Chapter 119 of the Revised Code. Any person affected by the proposed rescission of the existing rules or adoption of the new rules may appear and be heard in person, by his attorney, or both, may present his position, arguments, or contentions, orally or in writing, offer and examine witnesses, and present evidence tending to show that the proposed rescission or adoption, if adopted or effectuated, will be unreasonable or unlawful.

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