

**Public Notice and Public Hearing**  
**Ohio Environmental Protection Agency**  
**Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-113, "Ohio's Architectural and Industrial Maintenance (AIM) Coatings" Updates and Five-Year Rule Review**

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Air Pollution Control (DAPC) is planning to amend rules in Ohio Administrative Code (OAC) Chapter 3745-113, "Architectural and Industrial Maintenance (AIM) Coatings" to adopt a more recent version of the Ozone Transport Commission (OTC) model rule for AIM coatings. DAPC has also completed a review of the rules in this chapter to fulfill the requirements of Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 106.03 and 106.031 (5-year review).

These rules were initially promulgated in 2007 as part of Ohio's strategy to attain the 1997 ozone National Ambient Air Quality Standard (NAAQS) by adopting the standards in the model rule developed by the OTC. The OTC develops model rules for states to consider when adopting AIM coatings regulations and has since provided an updated version of the model rules for states to consider in subsequent adoption or revision of AIM coatings standards.

The rules in OAC Chapter 3745-113 are currently based on the 2001 Phase I OTC model rule for AIM coatings. DAPC is updating these rules to adopt the more recent 2011 Phase II version of the OTC model rule. This update is part of Ohio's strategy to attain and maintain the 2015 ozone NAAQS.

Please see the rule synopsis, available electronically at the web address below, for a complete summary of the proposed rule amendments.

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 April 20, 2022, these rules went out for a 30-day review by interested parties. Please see the rule synopsis, available electronically at the web address below, for a complete summary of the proposed rule amendments.

Pursuant to Part D of Title I of the CAA, Ohio EPA is required to establish a SIP for the attainment and maintenance of the NAAQS. The above-mentioned rules are a part of Ohio's SIP for attainment and maintenance of the 2015 ozone NAAQS and the proposed amendments will be submitted to United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) as a modification of the SIP.

Ohio EPA will hold an in-person and virtual public hearing on the rules at **10:30 A.M. on Wednesday, October 19, 2022**. The in-person hearing will be at the same time and date and will be located at Ohio EPA, Suite 700, 50 W. Town Street, Columbus, Ohio 43215. During the hearing, the public may submit written comments on the record about the proposed rules. If participating virtually, comments may be submitted electronically and may be submitted verbally if participating in person.

To facilitate the scheduling of oral presentations, persons intending to give testimony in-person at the hearing should notify Cathryn Allen at the Ohio EPA Public Interest Center, [cathryn.allen@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:cathryn.allen@epa.ohio.gov) or (614) 644-2160.

Citizens who want to participate virtually must register in advance for the meeting at: <https://global.gotowebinar.com/join/2751737181357785616/376881607>

All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented at the hearing and give written or oral comments on these rule changes and SIP revisions. All oral comments presented at the hearing, and all written statements submitted at the hearing or by the close of business on October 11, 2022 will be considered by Ohio EPA prior to final action on this rule and SIP revisions. Written statements submitted after October 11, 2022 may be considered as time and circumstances permit but will not be part of the official record of the hearing.

The rules and associated documents are available on DAPC's Web page for review and electronic downloading. The URL is: <https://epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/air-pollution-control/regulations/proposed-rules>.

Questions regarding accessing the web site and any other questions or comments about these rules should be directed to Paul Braun at Ohio EPA, (614) 644-3734, [dapc-comments@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:dapc-comments@epa.ohio.gov) or mailed to Paul Braun, Ohio EPA, Division Air Pollution Control, Lazarus Government Center, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049. Persons submitting comments electronically are encouraged to follow-up with a hard copy via regular mail.