

**Public Notice  
Proposed Rulemaking Governing  
Water Quality Standards**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Environmental Protection, under the authority of Sections 6111.041 and 6111.12 of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with Chapter 119, proposes to original file the following rule of the Ohio Administrative Code:

Rule #:	Title:
3745-1-02	Definitions.
3745-1-03	Analytical methods and availability of documents.
3745-1-25	Mahoning river drainage basin.
3745-1-31	Lake Erie standards.

These rules address water quality standards regulations. The purpose of this rule making is to complete the five year reviews of four rules as required by Ohio Law.

The public comment period will run until Monday, October 23, 2023. A public hearing on this proposed rulemaking will be held to consider public comments in accordance with Section 119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code. Ohio EPA will be holding an in-person and virtual public hearing on the rules on **Monday, October 23, 2023 at 10:30 a.m.** 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, 6<sup>th</sup> floor, Summer room. During the hearing, the public may submit written comments on the record about the proposed rules if participating virtually and verbally if participating in person.

Citizens who want to participate virtually must register in advance for the meeting at: <https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5612585080671645013>

Registration for the in-person hearing is not required. Citizens 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 or by emailing [mary.mccarron@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:mary.mccarron@epa.ohio.gov). 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 Emily Imhoff, Rules Coordinator in the Division of Surface Water, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus Ohio 43216-1049 or can be emailed to [dsw\\_rulecomments@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:dsw_rulecomments@epa.ohio.gov). 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 October 23, 2023, 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.

Questions regarding this rule package should be directed to Mariah Hood, at the Division of Surface Water at [Mariah.Hood@epa.ohio.gov](mailto:Mariah.Hood@epa.ohio.gov) or (614) 644-2865.

To receive a copy of the proposed rules, please contact the DSW receptionist at (614) 644-2001. 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 DSW web page at [epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/surface-water/regulations/proposed-rules](https://epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/surface-water/regulations/proposed-rules)

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