BEFORE THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Public Notice Proposed Rulemaking Governing Rule for Primary Drinking Water Standards

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters (DDAGW) proposed revisions to a rule in Chapter 3745-81, Primary Drinking Water Standards of the Ohio Administrative Code.

Rule	Title	Action
3745-81-70	Monitoring Requirement for disinfectant residuals.	Rescind
3745-81-70	Monitoring Requirement for disinfectant residuals.	New

The purpose of this rule making is to satisfy the five-year rule review requirements under section 106.03 of the Revised Code. The previous filing of this rule did not conform to the procedures of 119.03, therefore the agency is rescinding the rule and proposing it as new to hold a new public comment period and public hearing and have a new JCARR jurisdiction.

The public comment period will run until January 8, 2024. 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 January 8, 2024, at Ohio EPA, Summer Conference Room, 50 W. Town St., Suite 700, Columbus, OH 43215, at 11:00 am. 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 and, if participating in person, may provide comments verbally.

Citizens who want to participate virtually must register in advance for the meeting at: https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4010650517086939226

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. 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.

To ensure that written comments are considered as part of the official record of this hearing, written comments must be received by Ohio EPA by the close of business on January 8, 2024. Written comments on the proposed rules may be given to the presiding officer during the hearing, sent by mail to Rylee Lane at the address above, or sent by email to the following address: ddagw_rulecomments@epa.ohio.gov, or submitted in hard copy to the following address: "Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, DDAGW, P.O. Box 1049, Lazarus Government Center, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, Attn: Rylee Lane".

To obtain a copy of the proposed rules, contact Rylee Lane at Ohio EPA at (614) 752-9725 or email at Rylee.Lane@epa.ohio.gov. Please request the "Monitoring Requirement for disinfectant residuals rule" and be sure to include your name, telephone number, and complete mailing address. There are amendments to the proposed rules. These rules and associated documents are available on DDAGW's Web page for electronic downloading here: https://epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/DDAGWrules

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