

**NOTICE OF ADOPTION OF RULES  
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**Rules Governing**

**Operator Certification**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) has final filed the following rules of the Ohio Administrative Code:

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| <b>3745-7-01</b> | <b>Professional operator certification definitions.</b>  |
| <b>3745-7-02</b> | <b>Certified professional operators of record.</b>   |
| <b>3745-7-03</b> | <b>Public water system classification and staffing requirements.</b>   |
| <b>3745-7-04</b> | <b>Treatment works and sewerage system classification and staffing requirements.</b>   |
| <b>3745-7-05</b> | <b>Classification of professional operator certification.</b>  |
| <b>3745-7-06</b> | <b>Certification of operators.</b>   |
| <b>3745-7-07</b> | <b>Professional operator in training.</b>  |
| <b>3745-7-09</b> | <b>Recordkeeping requirements and responsibilities of owners, certified professional operators and certified professional operators of record.</b> |
| <b>3745-7-10</b> | <b>Professional operator certification advisory council.</b>   |
| <b>3745-7-11</b> | <b>Duties of the council.</b>  |
| <b>3745-7-12</b> | <b>Suspension or revocation of certification.</b>  |
| <b>3745-7-13</b> | <b>Reciprocity.</b>  |
| <b>3745-7-15</b> | <b>Expiration and renewal of professional operator certification.</b>  |
| <b>3745-7-17</b> | <b>Professional operator certification fees.</b>   |
| <b>3745-7-18</b> | <b>Conduct during the application and examination process.</b>   |
| <b>3745-7-19</b> | <b>Examination providers.</b>  |
| <b>3745-7-20</b> | <b>Certification of professional operators who pass an examination from an approved examination provider.</b>                                      |
| <b>3745-7-21</b> | <b>Contract operations companies and contracted professional operators.</b>  |

The Director's order of adoption was issued on 6/16/2025. These adopted rules will become effective on 7/3/2025.

The Director's action in this matter is pursuant to the procedural requirements of Ohio Revised Code Chapter 119 and is based upon the record of the public hearing conducted by Ohio EPA on May 16, 2025, and comments received during the public comment period.

You are hereby notified that this action of the Director is final and may be appealed to the Environmental Review Appeals Commission pursuant to Section 3745.04 of the Ohio Revised

Code. The appeal must be in writing and set forth the action complained of and the grounds upon which the appeal is based. The appeal must be filed with the Commission within thirty (30) days after notice of the Director's action. The appeal must be accompanied by a filing fee of \$70.00, made payable to "Treasurer, State of Ohio," which the Commission, in its discretion, may reduce if by affidavit you demonstrate that payment of the full amount of the fee would cause extreme hardship. Notice of the filing of the appeal shall be filed with the Director within three (3) days of filing with the Commission. Ohio EPA requests that a copy of the appeal be served upon the Ohio Attorney General's Office, Environmental Enforcement Section. An appeal may be filed with the Environmental Review Appeals Commission at the following address:

Environmental Review Appeals Commission  
30 East Broad Street, 4th floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215