

Rule Summary and Fiscal Analysis

Part A - General Questions

Rule Number: 3745-266-504

Rule Type: Amendment

Rule Title/Tagline: Healthcare facilities that are very small quantity generators for both hazardous waste pharmaceuticals and non-pharmaceutical hazardous waste.

Agency Name: Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

Division: Division of Environmental Response and Revitalization (DERR)

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I. Rule Summary

1. Is this a five year rule review? No
 - A. What is the rule's five year review date? Exempt
2. Is this rule the result of recent legislation? No
3. What statute is this rule being promulgated under? 119.03
4. What statute(s) grant rule writing authority? 3734.12
5. What statute(s) does the rule implement or amplify? 3734.12
6. Does the rule implement a federal law or rule in a manner that is more stringent or burdensome than the federal law or regulation requires? No
 - A. If so, what is the citation to the federal law or rule? Not Applicable
7. What are the reasons for proposing the rule?

This rule is proposed primarily to amend existing text to improve this rule's equivalence with its federal counterpart provision (40 CFR 266.504). Ohio's hazardous

waste management rules are required to be functionally equivalent to their federal counterpart provisions.

- 8. Summarize the rule's content, and if this is an amended rule, also summarize the rule's changes.**

This rule contains generator specific information for healthcare facilities that are very small quantity generators for both hazardous waste pharmaceuticals and non-pharmaceutical hazardous waste. Amendments to this rule include word choice and punctuation corrections, adding text and removal of text to improve the equivalence of this rule to its federal counterpart.

- 9. Does the rule incorporate material by reference? No**
- 10. If the rule incorporates material by reference and the agency claims the material is exempt pursuant to R.C. 121.75, please explain the basis for the exemption and how an individual can find the referenced material.**

Not Applicable

- 11. If revising or re-filing the rule, please indicate the changes made in the revised or re-filed version of the rule.**

Not Applicable

II. Fiscal Analysis

- 12. Please estimate the increase / decrease in the agency's revenues or expenditures in the current biennium due to this rule.**

This will have no impact on revenues or expenditures.

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Not Applicable.

- 13. What are the estimated costs of compliance for all persons and/or organizations directly affected by the rule?**

Although there may be a cost of compliance associated with this rule, we cannot develop an accurate cost of compliance estimate for this rule due to the number of variables involved. The cost will vary depending on the specific circumstances, including the amount and types of hazardous waste that is managed, and the methods used to manage them.

14. Does the rule increase local government costs? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part B). No
15. Does the rule regulate environmental protection? (If yes, you must complete an RSFA Part C). Yes
16. If the rule imposes a regulation fee, explain how the fee directly relates to your agency's cost in regulating the individual or business.

Not Applicable.

III. Common Sense Initiative (CSI) Questions

17. Was this rule filed with the Common Sense Initiative Office? Yes
18. Does this rule have an adverse impact on business? No
 - A. Does this rule require a license, permit, or any other prior authorization to engage in or operate a line of business? No
 - B. Does this rule impose a criminal penalty, a civil penalty, or another sanction, or create a cause of action, for failure to comply with its terms? No
 - C. Does this rule require specific expenditures or the report of information as a condition of compliance? No
 - D. Is it likely that the rule will directly reduce the revenue or increase the expenses of the lines of business of which it will apply or applies? No

IV. Regulatory Restriction Requirements under S.B. 9. Note: This section only applies to agencies described in R.C. 121.95(A).

19. Are you adding a new or removing an existing regulatory restriction as defined in R.C. 121.95? No
 - A. How many new regulatory restrictions do you propose adding to this rule?

Not Applicable

- B. How many existing regulatory restrictions do you propose removing from this rule?**

Not Applicable

- C. If you are not removing existing regulatory restrictions from this rule, please list the rule number(s) from which you are removing restrictions.**

Not Applicable

- D. Please justify the adoption of the new regulatory restriction(s).**

Not Applicable

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Part C - Environmental Rule Questions

Pursuant to Am. Sub. H.B. 106 of the 121st General Assembly, prior to adopting a rule or an amendment to a rule dealing with environmental protection, or containing a component dealing with environmental protection, a state agency shall:

- (1) Consult with organizations that represent political subdivisions, environmental interests, business interests, and other persons affected by the proposed rule or amendment.
- (2) Consider documentation relevant to the need for, the environmental benefits or consequences of, other benefits of, and the technological feasibility of the proposed rule or rule amendment.
- (3) Specifically identify whether the proposed rule or rule amendment is being adopted or amended to enable the state to obtain or maintain approval to administer and enforce a federal environmental law or to participate in a federal environmental program, whether the proposed rule or rule amendment is more stringent than its federal counterpart, and, if the proposed rule or rule amendment is more stringent, the rationale for not incorporating its federal counterpart.
- (4) Include with the proposed rule or rule amendment and rule summary and fiscal analysis required to be filed with the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review information relevant to the previously listed requirements.

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- (A) Were organizations that represent political subdivisions, environmental interests, business interests, and other persons affected by the proposed rule or amendment consulted? Yes**

Please list each contact.

The draft rules were posted on Ohio EPA's website and were made available to the public for an Interested Parties comment period from September 20, 2024 to October 21, 2024. An electronic notification was utilized to contact Interested Parties. Interested Parties contacted via electronic notification include regulated entities, consultants and attorneys, public interest groups, citizens, and governmental entities (approximately 3,000 parties total). Copies of the electronic notification and the Interested Parties letter are available upon request.

- (B) Was documentation that is relevant to the need for, the environmental benefits or consequences of, other benefits of, and the technological feasibility of the proposed rule or amendment considered? Yes**

Please list the information provided and attach a copy of each piece of documentation to this form. (A SUMMARY OR INDEX MAY BE ATTACHED IN LIEU OF THE ACTUAL DOCUMENTATION.)

The documents considered in the development of this rule include the equivalent federal counterpart regulation (40 CFR 266.504), the Federal Registers documenting the need for and changes to that federal regulation, the LSC Manual, and the Ohio Revised Code.

- (C) Is the proposed rule or rule amendment being adopted or amended to enable the state to obtain or maintain approval to administer and enforce a federal environmental law or to participate in a federal environmental program? Yes**

Is the proposed rule or rule amendment more stringent than its federal counterpart?

No Not Applicable

- (D) If this is a rule amendment that is being adopted under a state statute that establishes standards with which the amendment is to comply, is the proposed rule amendment more stringent than the rule that it is proposing to amend? No**