State of Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

PUBLIC NOTICE

March 17, 2014

Request for Comment on Proposed Rules

Notice is hereby given that the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters (DDAGW) has proposed revisions to the license to operate rules found in Chapter 3745-84 of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC). These rules have been reviewed pursuant to the five year rule requirements set forth in ORC 119.032.

Proposed revisions to these rules include the addition of the definition of "license to operate" as well as clarification of other definitions; adjusting terminology to match definition changes; clarification of how the director acts on LTO applications; public notice requirements; clarification of how fees are determined; and, allowing access to the public water system.

A public hearing pursuant to §119.03 of the Ohio Revised Code will be conducted on April 21, 2014, beginning at 10:30 a.m. in Conference Room A at the Ohio EPA, Lazarus Government Center, 50 West Town Street, Columbus, Ohio. All interested persons are entitled to attend or be represented and give their written or oral comments on this proposed rule-making. A presiding officer will be present until all interested persons have been heard.

To facilitate scheduling of oral presentations, persons intending to give testimony at the hearing should ensure that Ohio EPA receives notice of such intent by April 18, 2014, 5:00 p.m. Persons who provide Ohio EPA with prior notice will be heard ahead of persons who register at the hearing. All visitors to Ohio EPA must register at the Security desk in the lobby upon arrival. Please bring photo identification (such as a valid driver's license). For security reasons, visitors are required to wear their badge at all times while in the building. Please arrive early to complete these procedures. To provide notice of intent to give oral comments at the public hearing, contact Julie Spangler by mail at Ohio EPA, DDAGW, Lazarus Government Center, 50 West Town Street, Suite 700, Columbus, Ohio 43215, or by phone at (614) 644-2752.

In order 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 April 21, 2014. Written comments on the proposed rules may be given to the presiding officer during the hearing, sent by mail to Julie Spangler at the address above, or sent by email to the following address ddagw_rulecomments@epa.ohio.gov.

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To obtain a copy of the proposed rules, contact Julie Spangler at Ohio EPA at (614) 644-2752 or email at Julie.Spangler@epa.ohio.gov. Please request the "proposed license to operate rule revisions" and be sure to include your name, telephone number, and complete mailing address. There is no charge for proposed rules. The proposed rules will be available on the Agency web page until their adoption or withdrawal. The address is: http://epa.ohio.gov/ddagw/rules.aspx#LiveTabsContent110543.

Comments can be submitted in hard copy to the following address: "Ohio Environmental Protection Agency, Division of Drinking and Ground Waters, P.O. Box 1049, Lazarus Government Center, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, Attn: Julie Spangler" or by email to ddagw_rulecomments@epa.ohio.gov. Comments should be received at the above address by close of business, April 21, 2014.