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BEFORE THE OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

Public Notice Proposed Rulemaking Governing Cessation of Regulated Operations

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Environmental Protection, under the authority of Section 3752.03 of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with Chapter 119, proposes to amend and review one rule of the Ohio Administrative Code: 3745-352-20, titled "What are my responsibilities if I am an owner or operator?"

This rulemaking addresses a Cessation of Regulated Operations (CRO) regulation. The purpose of this rulemaking is to update this rule and submit it for its required five-year review pursuant to Section 106 of the Ohio Revised Code.

The public comment period will run until Thursday, May 25, 2017. 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. This hearing will be held at Ohio EPA's Central Office, Lazarus Government Center, 50 West Town Street, Columbus, Ohio in conference room A on Thursday, May 25, 2017 at 10:30 a.m.

To facilitate the scheduling of oral presentations, persons intending to give testimony at the hearing should notify Ohio EPA's Public Interest Center, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, or 614/644-2160. 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 rulemaking.

Written testimony should be sent to the attention of Kit Arthur, Hazardous Waste Management rules coordinator, DERR, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus Ohio 43216-1049, or emailed to Katherine.arthur@epa.ohio.gov. Written comments may 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 Thursday, May 25, 2017 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.

To receive a paper copy of the proposed CRO rule, please contact the DERR receptionist at 614/644-2924. A copy of this proposed rule is available for review at any Ohio EPA district office and at Ohio EPA's central office. The proposed rule is accessible on DERR's web page at http://epa.ohio.gov/derr/derrrules/rcra.aspx#176615081-proposed-rules.

Questions regarding this proposed rule should be directed to Kit Arthur at 614/644-2932 or Katherine.arthur@epa.ohio.gov.

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