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Hearing Summary

Rule Package: Water Pollution Control Loan Fund

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Public hearing date: March 3, 2025

List of Rules: 3745-150-01, 3745-150-02, 3745-150-03, 3745-150-04, 3745-150-05,
3745-150-06, 3745-150-07, 3745-150-08, 3745-150-09, 3745-150-10,
3745-150-11, 3745-150-12, 3745-150-13, 3745-150-14

Were there any participants in this public hearing beyond Ohio EPA staff or JCARR staff?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Were there comments received during the public comment period outside of those presented at this hearing?

☐ Yes

☒ No

This hearing summary has been compiled to meet the requirements of Section 119.03 of the Revised Code.

This hearing summary includes this cover sheet and the following attachments:

1. **Attachment A** - A copy of the public notice for this hearing.
2. **Attachment B** - A copy of the sign-in sheet for this hearing.
3. **Attachment C** - A copy of the script read into the record to begin and end the hearing.

Ohio EPA's response to comments document includes the comments received, who commented, the agency response to comments, and a statement of whether or not the rule was changed due to the comments.

Ohio EPA digitally records all public hearings for rules. The digital recordings are available upon request. These recordings may be sent out for transcription if necessary.

Public Notice and Public Hearing
Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
Water Pollution Control Loan Fund Rules

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Environmental Protection, under the authority of Section 6111.036 of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with Chapter 119, proposes to original file the following rules of the Ohio Administrative Code:

<u>Rule #</u>	<u>Title:</u>
3745-150-01	Definitions.
3745-150-02	Environmental review purpose and applicability.
3745-150-03	Environmental information.
3745-150-04	Environmental review.
3745-150-05	Limited environmental review and limited environmental review document.
3745-150-06	Environmental assessment document.
3745-150-07	Supplemental study.
3745-150-08	Findings of significant impact.
3745-150-09	Finding of no significant impact.
3745-150-10	Reaffirmation of previous environmental decisions.
3745-150-11	Phasing the environmental review.
3745-150-12	Obligations of assistance recipients.
3745-150-13	State priority system and priority list.
3745-150-14	Economic and financial need.
3745-150-15	First use of funds.

The public comment period will run until March 3, 2025. 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 hold an in-person and virtual public hearing on the rules on March 3, 2025, at 10:30am. The in-person hearing will be held at the same time and date and will be located at Ohio EPA, 50 W. Town St, Suite 700, Columbus, OH 43215. During the hearing, the public may submit written comments on the record about the proposed rules. If participating virtually, comments may be submitted electronically and may be submitted verbally if participating in person.

Citizens who want to participate virtually must register in advance for the meeting at:

<https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8067670312178046038>

Registration for the in-person hearing is not required. Citizens intending to give testimony at the hearing should notify the Ohio EPA Office of Communications and Outreach, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus, Ohio 43216-1049, (614) 644-2160 or by emailing max.moore@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. 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 submitted to the Smart Comment system at <https://ohioepa.commentinput.com?id=NdBVTS59H> or sent to Mandi Payton at the Office of Legal Services, P.O. Box 1049, Columbus Ohio 43216-1049. Written comments may also 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 (date of hearing), 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.

These rules and associated documents are available on DEFA's website for electronic viewing and downloading at: <https://epa.ohio.gov/divisions-and-offices/environmental-financial-assistance/regulations/proposed-rules/defa-proposed-rules>.

Questions regarding these rules should be directed to Katie Courtright at Ohio EPA, (614) 705-1147, kathleen.courtright@epa.ohio.gov.

To request a reasonable accommodation due to a disability, visit <https://epa.ohio.gov/ada>.

Attendee Report: Public Hearing: Water Pollution Control Loan Program Fund Rules

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Yes	95	Bernstein	Jonathan	jonathan.bernstein@epa.ohio.gov	03/03/2025 10:26 AM EST	AM EST - 03/03/2025 10:52 AM EST (8 minutes)	22 minutes
Yes	92	Billmaier	Honor	honor.billmaier@jcarr.state.oh.us	03/03/2025 10:27 AM EST	03/03/2025 10:27 AM EST - 03/03/2025 10:35 AM EST (9 minutes)	9 minutes
Yes	91	Driscoll	Sean	sean.driscoll@epa.ohio.gov	01/23/2025 02:52 PM EST	03/03/2025 10:30 AM EST - 03/03/2025 10:35 AM EST (5 minutes)	5 minutes
Yes	99	Fouche	Greg	greg.fouche@jcarr.state.oh.us	03/03/2025 10:20 AM EST	03/03/2025 10:21 AM EST - 03/03/2025 11:01 AM EST (41 minutes)	41 minutes
Yes	94	Moresea	Rachel	rachel.moresea@fairfieldcountyohio.gov	01/23/2025 03:20 PM EST	EST - 03/03/2025 11:01 AM EST (17 minutes)	19 minutes
Yes	94	Owens	Molly	envhealth@co.wyandot.oh.us	01/28/2025 08:36 AM EST	AM EST - 03/03/2025 10:24 AM EST (1 minute),03/03/2025 10:25 AM EST - 03/03/2025 10:25 AM EST (1 minute),03/03/2025 10:40 AM EST - 03/03/2025 10:44 AM EST (4 minutes),03/03/2025 10:44 AM EST - 03/03/2025 10:44 AM EST (1 minute)	17 minutes
Yes	94	Stalter	Thomas	tstalter@nwswd.org	01/23/2025 03:05 PM EST	AM EST - 03/03/2025 10:38 AM EST (3 minutes),03/03/2025 10:39 AM EST - 03/03/2025 10:43 AM EST (5 minutes),03/03/2025 10:43 AM EST - 03/03/2025 10:43 AM EST (1	19 minutes
Yes	95	Stookey	Megan	mstookey@cityofsandusky.com	01/24/2025 09:40 AM EST	03/03/2025 10:22 AM EST - 03/03/2025 10:44 AM EST (22 minutes)	22 minutes
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Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance: WPCLF Program Fund
March 3, 2025

Hello and welcome to Ohio EPA's public hearing regarding the Education Grant Funding Priorities. My name is Anthony Chenault and I'm hosting today's public hearing. With me today from Ohio EPA's Division of Environmental and Financial Assistance are Katie Courtright and Amanda Payton, and Max Moore assisting from our Office of Communications and Outreach. In a moment, we will move to the public hearing where we will take official comments on the program fund.

For those attending online, you may submit any comments you have about the priorities in the Questions pane at any time.

We will not be responding to any comments or questions submitted during the public hearing today. I will read aloud any comments we receive in the GoTo platform.

Before we get started, I'd like to go over a few items to help our attendees navigate the GoTo platform.

On this slide here you will see an example screenshot of your Attendee interface. You should see something that looks like this on your computer desktop on the right-hand side of your screen. For this public hearing you are listening in using your computer audio. If you are having sound issues, try refreshing your browser. If that doesn't work, try logging off and logging back in.

Please submit public comments by clicking on the question mark icon and typing them into the Questions pane on your attendee interface. You may send your comments in at any time. All comments submitted will be read aloud for the whole audience to hear.

~~You can also click on the document icon to view included handouts. Now, XXX will provide a few remarks on the plan.~~

We will now begin the hearing.

On behalf of Ohio EPA, I would like to **thank everyone** for taking time to attend today's hearing and for participating in the Agency's decision-making process.

The purpose of this hearing is to receive comments from the public on the Water Pollution Control Loan Program Fund Rules .

Ohio EPA announced the hearing and public comment period in February.

Comments received as part of the official record are reviewed by Ohio EPA prior to finalizing the plan. To be included in the official record, written comments must be received by Ohio EPA by the close of business today, March 3, 2025. Comments received after this date may be considered as time and circumstances permit but will not be part of the official record for this hearing.

Written comments can be filed with me today or emailed to defamail@epa.ohio.gov.

It is important for you to know that

- all comments received in writing at the Agency and
- all written comments submitted today are given the **same consideration**.

I ask that all **exhibits** including written speeches used in your testimony be submitted to me today as part of the official record. If you choose not to submit the information, Ohio EPA cannot ensure the accuracy of your testimony.

After comments are taken into consideration a final plan is recommended to the director.

YOU MAY NOW SUBMIT COMMENTS IN WRITING. I will read aloud any comments we receive in the Questions pane. I will keep the chat open until 11 a.m. to provide time for participants to type in comments.

CLOSING

After the hearing closes, we will accept written comments through 5:00 p.m. March 3. You can send those comments to the email address on the screen.

Thank you for your comments, cooperation, and participation in Ohio EPA's decision-making process. The time is now 11 a.m. and this hearing is concluded.