

**BEFORE THE
OHIO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY**

**Public Notice
Proposed Rulemaking Governing
Water Quality Standards**

Notice is hereby given that the Director of Environmental Protection, under the authority of Section 6111.041 of the Ohio Revised Code and in accordance with Chapter 119, proposes to amend the following rules of the Ohio Administrative Code (OAC):

Rule #	Rule Title
3745-1-11	Maumee river drainage basin.
3745-1-12	Sandusky river drainage basin.
3745-1-19	Huron river drainage basin.
3745-1-23	Portage river drainage basin.

OAC Chapter 3745-1 contains Ohio's standards for water quality. This rulemaking includes the review and update of four beneficial use designation rules in the chapter to reflect the latest scientific information.

The public comment period will run until 5:00 p.m. on **September 24, 2020**. 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 be holding a virtual public hearing on the rules at **10:30 a.m. on September 24, 2020**. The meeting will be held exclusively online. During the virtual hearing the public can submit written comments that will be read into the record by the hearing host.

The virtual hearing may be accessed through Ohio EPA's website at: <http://epa.ohio.gov/virtual>

Written comments may be submitted during the virtual public hearing. In addition, written testimony can be emailed to the attention of Jennie Pugliese, Division of Surface Water at ***dsw_rulecomments@epa.ohio.gov***. All comments received at the virtual hearing or via email by close of business on **September 24, 2020** 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.

At this time, the proposed rules are only accessible on the DSW webpage at www.epa.ohio.gov/dsw/dswrules.aspx. A fact sheet explaining the rule revisions is posted on the website as well. Questions regarding this rule package should be directed to Audrey Rush at the Division of Surface Water at (614) 644-2035.

Please note: Comments for this hearing will only be accepted electronically as Ohio EPA is unable to access physical mail at this time.